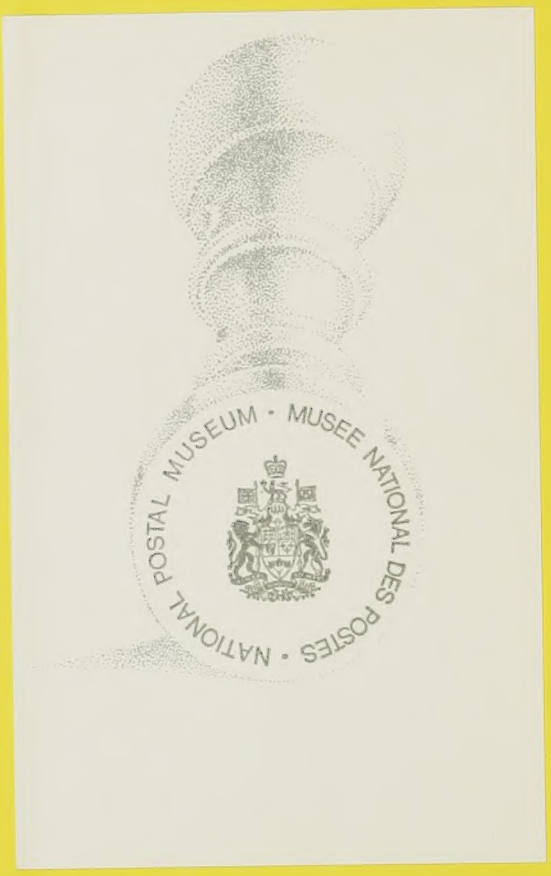
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EDITORIAL.

We herewith present to our readers, the first number of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST It is small in size, but we hope to enlarge it next issue. We are sorry that for a short time we shall have to issue this paper quarterly, but soon it is our intention to issue it monthly. We extend our thanks to the dealers who have so promptly responded to our request for advertisements, and we hope they will continue to patronize our advertising columns. The dealers who have not sent us advertisements, will find it to their advantage to do so. Our special inducements to dealers who have not yet given our advertising columns a trial, will be found in another part of this paper. We also extend our thanks to the collectors who have sent us their subscriptions. We hope the collectors to whom this number is sent, will send us their subscriptions, if they have not already done so. Remember that you get your choice of the premiums offered on another page, and his paper one year for 15 cents. Every collector should carefully read the advertisements of dealers in this paper; you will find some fine bargains among them and you will find the dealers to be straightforward, prompt and reliable men. We invite all our readers to send us small contributions—items of news, in fact anything that will be of interest to collectors. For articles of unusual merit we are willing to pay fair prices Address all contributions to the editor--L. M. Staebler, London, Ont.

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BY L. M. STAEBLER.

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CANADA POSTAGE.

Issue 1851-58.—In 1851 three values were issued :—3 pence, 6 pence, 12 pence. The three pence was red or red brown in color. In design it had—a beaver in the centre surmounted by a crown, and the letters *V.R.* in capitals, and surrounded by an oval frame, in which was inscribed 'Canada Postage' above and 'three pence' below ; in each corner was the figure 3. The 6 pence was lilac, purple, black lilac or black. It had a picture of Prince Consort in oblong perpendicular frame "Canada Postage" above, "six pence" below, and a figure "6" in each corner. The 12 pence was black. It is a very rare stamp : it is classed as an error. It had a profile of Queen Victoria (crowned), facing to the left, enclosed in an oval perpendicular frame, 'Canada Postage' above, and 12 pence below.

In 1855 a ten-penny stamp was issued, color dark blue, design—head of Jacques Cartier in oval perpendicular frame, "Canada Postage" above, "10 pence" below, "8 pence st'g" in both top corners, "10 pence cy" in both lower corners. In 1857 the half-penny and seven and a-half-penny stamps appeared. The half-penny was pink, head of Queen Victoria to the left in oval frame, "Canada Postage" above and "half-penny" below. The seven and a-half pence stamp was green ; its design was—head of Queen Victoria to the left in oval frame, similar to the 12 pence, "Canada Packet Post" above, "6 pence sterling" below "7½ d cy." upper and lower right hand corners, "6 pence sterling" in upper and lower left hand corners. In 1858 the ½, 3 and 6 penny stamps were issued perforated. The above issues are found on various kinds of paper, and in many shades, the principal ones are here catalogued.

UNPERFORATED THIN LAID PAPER.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.	New.	Used.
1.	1851	3 pence	red (dark)	$ 3.00	$ 1.00
2.	1851	3 "	vermilion	2.70	75
3.	1851	6 "	violet	5.00	2.50
4.	1851	6 "	black lilac	6.00	3.50
5.	1851	12 "	black	80.00	80.00

THIN WOVE PAPER.

6.	1852	3 pence	red	$ 1.00	.25
7.	1852	3 "	vermilion	1.00	.25
8.	1852	3 "	red brown	2.00	.65
9.	1852	6 "	black	10.00	10.00
10.	1852	6 "	lilac black	5.00	3.50
11.	1852	6 "	purple	5.00	2.50
12.	1855	10 "	blue	5.00	3.00
13.	1857	½ penny	rose	1.50	1.25
14.	1857	½ penny	pink	2.00	1.25

THICK WOVE PAPER.

15.	1855	3 pence	vermilion	$ 1.00	.15
16.	1855	3 "	red	1.00	.15
17.	1855	3 "	red brown	1.00	.25
18.	1855	6 "	brown lilac	3.50	2.50
19.	1855	6 "	black lilac	5.00	5.00
20.	1855	6 "	purple	3.50	2.50
21.	1855	10 "	deep blue	5.00	3.00
22.	1857	½ penny	rose	2.00	1.25
23.	1857	7½ "	green	10.00	6.00

PERFORATED THICK WOVE PAPER.

24.	1858	3 pence	red	$ 3.50	1.00
25.	1858	3 "	vermilion	3.50	1.50
26.	1858	6 "	purple	25.00	20.00
27.	1858	½ penny	pink	6.00	3.50

THIN LAID PAPER.

28.	1858	3 pence	red	$ 50.00	30.00
29.	1858	3 "	red brown	50.00	35.00
30.	1858	6 "	purple	75.00	50.00

Issue 1859.—Owing to a change in the currency of Can. from £.s.d. to $ and cts a new set of stamps was issued in 1859. The set consisted of five values. The designs were like the equivalent values of the preceding issue. The one cent was like the half-penny ; the five cent like the three pence ; the ten cent like the six pence ; the twelve and a-half cent like the seven and a-half penny : the seventeen cent like the ten pence. In 1864 a two cent stamp was issued. It was of a design similar to one cent ; color—pink. All the above were perforated.

THICK WOVE PAPER.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.	New.	Used.
31.	1859	1 cent	pink	$ .08	.02
32.	1859	5 "	vermilion	.12	.02
33.	1859	10 "	dark violet	.40	.08
34.	1859	10 "	light violet	.40	.08
35.	1859	10 "	brown violet	.40	.08
36.	1859	10 "	lilac	.40	.08
37.	1859	12½"	green	.50	.15
38.	1859	17 "	blue	.70	.40
39.	1864	2 "	pink	.50	.25

Issue 1868.—In 1868 a new set of stamps were issued. They were all of similar design. The denominations were:—½ cent black, 1 cent brown red, 2 cent green, 3 cent bright red, 6 cent brown, 12½ cent blue, 15 cent violet. The design of the stamps may be described as follows:—Profile of Queen Victoria to right in circle, Canada Postage above, and the value in figures and letters below. All this set was perforated. This set is found on thin and thick wove, laid and watermarked paper.

THICK WOVE PAPER.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.	New.	Used.
40.	1868	½ cent	black	$ .05	.02
41.	1868	1 "	brown red	.25	.05
42.	1868	2 "	green	.15	.02
43.	1868	2 "	yellow green	.10	.03
44.	1868	3 "	bright red	.10	.01
45.	1868	6 "	brown	.12	.02
46.	1868	12½"	blue	.35	.10
47.	1868	15 "	violet	.30	.05

THIN WOVE PAPER.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.	New.	Used.
48.	1869	1 cent	brown red	$ .25	.10
49.	1869	3 "	bright red	.10	.02
60.	1869	12½"	blue	.50	.25

WATERMARKED PAPER.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.	New.	Used.
61.	1870	1 cent	brown red	$ 20.00	$ 10.00
62.	1870	2 "	green	20.00	10.00
63.	1870	3 "	red	7.50	2.50
64.	1870	6 "	brown	25.00	10.00
65.	1870	12½"	blue	25.00	10.00

LAID PAPER.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.	New.	Used.
66.	1870	1 cent	brown red	$ 25.00	$ 10.00
67.	1870	1 "	orange	25.00	10.00
68.	1870	3 "	red	5.00	1.50

Issue 1869-70.—In these years another set of stamps were issued. The design was the same as those of the previous issue; the stamp being smaller than the issue before The values were:—½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, cent.

WOVE PAPER.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.	New.	Used.
69.	1869	1 cent	yellow orange	$ .20	.03
70.	1870	1 "	yellow orange	.05	.01
71.	1870	3 "	rose	.05	.01
72.	1870	3 "	pink	.25	.10
73.	1872	2 "	green	.05	.01
74.	1872	6 "	brown	.05	.01
75.	1873	3 "	red	.05	.01
76.	1873	10 "	pink	.15	.03
77.	1873	15 "	lilac	.35	.05
78.	1875	5 "	olive green	.20	.10
79.	1876	5 "	slate green	.10	.01
80.	1877	15 "	slate	.30	.05
81.	1880	15 "	violet	.35	.10
82.	1882	½ "	black	.02	.01
83.	1882	3 "	brown	1.00	.75
84.	1882	1 "	lemon	.03	.01
85.	1882	1 "	orange	.05	.01
86.	1888	3 "	bright red	.05	.01
87.	1889	3 "	carmine	.10	.05
88.	1889	10 "	lake	.20	.03
89.	1889	2 "	dark green	.05	.01
90.	1890	15 "	bright violet	.35	.05

LAID PAPER.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.	New.	Used.
91.	1889	1 cent	orange	$ 25.00	$ 10.00
92.	1889	10 "	lake	25.00	10.00

GLOSS PAPER.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.	New.	Used.
93.	1890	1 cent	orange	$ 5.00	2.00
94.	1890	2 "	green	6.50	3.50
95.	1890	3 "	red	5.00	2.00
96.	1890	3 "	bright red	6.50	3.50
97.	1890	5 "	slate green	10.00	7.50
98.	1890	6 "	brown	10.00	7.50
99.	1890	10 "	lake	25.00	10.00
100.	1890	15 "	violet		
101.	1891	½ "	black	10.00	5.00

REGISTRATION STAMPS.

In 1875 three denominations of registration stamps were issued. Shape, oblong. The value was printed in letters across each end, also in figures in the upper corners. The words "Canada Registered Letter Stamp" were printed in a sort of scroll across the stamp. The values were; 2 cent orange; 5 cent green and 8 cent blue. The 2 cent was also issued in error, the color by mistake being made brown instead of orange, and as but few of these stamps were issued they are very scarce. A few sheets of the 5 cent green were also issued unperforated by error. All of these stamps are printed on wove paper.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.	New.	Used.
102.	1875	2 cent	orange	.05	.01
103.	1875	5 "	green	.10	.02
104.	1875	5 "	green—(error)	2.00	2.00
105.	1875	8 "	blue	.40	.40
106.	1875	2 "	brown (error)	1.00	1.00
107.	1888	2 "	red	.05	.02
108.	1888	2 "	carmine	.10	.05
109.	1889	5 "	light green	.05	.02
110.	1889	2 "	brown red	.05	.02

OFFICIALLY SEALED.

In 1879 the Dead Letter Department issued an officially sealed stamp; it was used only at Ottawa. Its color was brown. It had an inscription as follows, printed in one straight and two curved lines across the face in type of various sizes: "Post Office, Canada. Officially Sealed. Dead Letter Office."

No.	Date	Value	Color	New	Used
111	1879.....	.....	Brown...	$3.00....	$2.50

ENVELOPES.

Issue 1860. In this year stamped envelopes were first used. Two values were issued—5 cent and 10 cent. The 5 cent was vermilion in color and the 10 cent was chocolate. The envelopes were printed on laid paper which was watermarked with lines running diagonally from left to right. Across these lines was another mark "Ca" and "P. O. D." The size of these envelopes was 3¼ by 5½. Very few of these were used and as a result are very scarce.

Issue 1877. In this year two more values of envelopes were issued: 1 cent blue and 3 cent red; The size of the 1 cent was 3 by 5½, There were two sizes of the 3 cent, one size being 3 by 5½ and the other 3⅜ by 5⅞. The envelopes were watermarked with diagonal lines.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES.

In future numbers this will be a regular department of this paper and considerable space will be devoted to it.

ARGENTINE.—The latest issues from this Republic are the 1 Peso, dark blue ; 5 Pesos, blue, and a new 8 cent stamp has also been issued.

BRAZIL.—A new 20 reis newspaper stamp has been issued ; color, light green.

CAUCA.—The Post Master General of Bogota (Sr. Du Jose Antinio Rivas) says :—"That the Prov. Cauca 5 cent on white unper was not authorized and Sr. Rei will be severely punished for committing such a breach of the law."

MONACO.—The *Standard Philatelist* mentions 3 new values for this place as follows :—1 cent bister ; 2 cent lilac ; 1 Fr. black on yellow. These are the first of the new designs ; more will soon follow.

MARTINIQUE.—A new crop of surcharges has appeared, viz :

5c. on 20c. ; red on green.
5c. on 30c. ; brown.
5c. on 30c. ; black on yellow.
5c. on 40c. ; red.
15c. on 20c. ; red on green.
15c. on 75c. ; carmine.

URUGUAY.—All of the new series for this place have been surcharged OFFICIAL in black.

UNITED STATES.—The new Post Card has appeared.

U. S. OF COLUMBIA.—A large quantity of forgeries of the first issue of Tolima are about. Look out for them.

SARAWAK.—The 12 cent is now surcharged 5 cents in black.

SIAM.—The *Dominion Philatelist* announces a 1 cent green, of the current type.

SIERRA LEONE.—There has been a new value issued, viz : 2½ penny blue.

SWEDEN.—The 10 and 20 ore of the new design, are in circulation. They are watermarked crown.

SALVADOR.—The Government seems to have run out of 1 cent stamps, for the 2 cent comes to hand surcharged "Un Centavo."

LITERARY NOTES.

One Dime comes to hand enlarged and improved. Brother Peugh must have received his new press.

The *American Journal of Philately* is not quite the largest magazine in the world, but for all that it is not the less interesting, for instead of being filled with dealers' advertisements it contains 32 or more pages of very interesting reading for collectors.

Although the *Standard Philatelist* has been refused 2nd class rates the publishers have decided to continue its publication. It is a very fair paper.

The *Western Philatelist Empire* comes to hand full of interesting matter.

What has become of the *Cream City Philatelist ?*

La Echo de Timbrelogie is the best stamp paper published in France.

Of our foreign exchanges the *Stamp News*, of London, England, is one of the most welcome. It is always full of interesting news.

Some of the "Spring crop" of Philatelic papers are slowly dying off.

The Southern Philatelist is a very bright publication from the sunny south. Its Editor is somewhat of a humorist.

We have not yet received the *Eastern Philatelist.* Can't you exchange, Bro. Pinkham ?

The *Philatelic World*, published by R. R. Bogert & Co., New York, is a small but interesting paper.

No. 5, of the *North American Philatelist*, published at Oak Park, Ill., has been received.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News still continues to come to hand promptly and full of news. Where are the croakers who predicted its early downfall ?

We have received No. 1 of the *New York Philatelist.* It contains nothing of interest except a reprinted article from the pen of John K. Tiffany, of St. Louis.

The *Rhode Island Philatelist* is not yet on our exchange list.

We are obliged to omit the review of several publications for want of space.

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BY L. M. STAEBLER.

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No.	Date.	Value.	Color.	New.	Used.
112	1860	5 cent	red.	$1.50	$1.00
113	1860	5 "	vermilion	3.00	2.00
114	1860	10 "	brown	3.00	3.00
115	1877	1 "	blue	.03	.02
116	1877	3 "	red (size 1)	.03	.02
117	1877	3 "	red (size 2)	.05	.02
118	1888	3 "	bri't carmine	.15	.10

NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS.

In 1875 the first newspaper wrappers were issued. Very few were at first used, and as a result the first issues are very scarce. There were three different dies of impression, which we will call Die No. 1, 2 and 3 Die 1 was issued in 1875; Die 2, in 1882; Die 3 was issued in 1887 and is still in use. A complete list of the wrappers on all varieties of paper, and of the different dies, is given below. Only one value of the wrapper was issued. The size of paper on which they were all printed was 4¾x10⅜. Prices quoted are for square cut specimens.

No	Date	Value	Color	Die	Paper	Used	New
119	1878	1 cent	Blue	1	Blue	.12	.07
120	1881	1 "	"	1	Pale Buff	.35	.35
121	1882	1 "	"	2	Yellow	.05	.03
122	1883	1 "	"	2	Buff Buff	.05	.03
123	1885	1 "	"	2	Cream	.05	.03
124	1887	1 "	"	3	White	.07	.05
125	1887	1 "	"	3	Thin White	.35	.35
126	1888	1 "	"	3	Th'k Cream	.03	.02
127	1888	1 "	"	3	Thin "	.05	.02
128	1888	1 "	"	3	Manilla	.03	.01

POSTAL CARDS.

ISSUE 1877.—In this year Postal Cards were first issued. They were printed on heavy paper 3⅞x4¾. There were two values—1 cent blue, for domestic use, and 2 cent blue, for use to the United Kingdom. The one cent may be described as follows: Profile of Queen Victoria in a circle to the right, surrounded by a fancy frame; the words "one cent" below. At the left of this, across the top of the card, in capitals, was the inscription, "Canada Post Card," and below this, in type of a smaller size, the words, "The address only to be written on this side." Below this again in a script character was the word, "To," followed by three ruled lines on which the address was to be written. All of the above is enclosed in an ornamental frame, which goes around the entire outside edge of the card. On the whole the design is a very neat and creditable one Most of the above, (one cent blue) were engraved by the British American Bank Note Co., at Montreal, but by reason of a fire at the Company's establishment, the printing of some of these cards was done at Ottawa. The distinction between these two varieties is found at the lower portion of the card, where the Company's name is printed. Those printed in Montreal have the name "Montreal," while those printed in Ottawa have the words, "Montreal and Ottawa" after the Company's name. The latter are somewhat scarce.

The 2 cent green is similar in design to that of the one cent, with the exception that it has "Canada Post Card" in a curved line instead of a straight. It has in addition the words, "To United Kingdom," below.

ISSUE 1881.—In 1881, a new two cent Post Card for foreign use was issued, its use having been authorized by the Postal Union Treaty. In design it was almost the same as the 'United Kingdom" card, also being the same color—green.

ISSUE 1883.—In this year two new varieties of Post Cards were issued. They were a little larger than the former issues. The design was like Die 2 of the wrappers, which was in use at that time. There was no border on the card. The paper was better than in the former issues. The inscription was the same as before, with the exception that the word "only" was ommitted from the second line. The first of the two varieties issued was a 1 cent blue and a 1 cent black reply card.

ISSUE 1885.—This year the reply card was issued in error, the stamp being printed in the upper left-hand corner, instead of the upper right-hand corner.

(To be Continued.)

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Lieut. J. M. T. Partello has been elected President of the Western Philatelic Union.

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Post Card collecting is taking quite a hold in London, and there is a brisk demand for good cards.

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A Philatelic Protective Association has been formed in London, England. The annual fee is £2.

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Our subscription list is steadily growing. We would be pleased to have you add your name to it. Subscribe!

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Canadensis (John R. Hooper) contributes very newsy and interesting Canadian Notes for *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*.

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Carefully peruse the advertisements in the exchange department. There is sure to be something you will wish to take advantage of.

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Mr. H. F. Ketcheson proposes to issue an album for Canadian Postage and Revenue Stamps only. We trust it will be a successful venture.

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E. Y. Parker, Toronto, is in the field for C.P.A. President. He is a gentleman who is able to fill this position as it should be filled. Let him have your vote.

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The annual convention of the C. P. A. will be held in Belleville on August 25th. In the evening, H. F. Ketcheson holds an auction sale. In the catalogue of the sale there are some very fine stamps offered.

Any collector who buys $1 worth or over of stamps through the advertisements of any dealer advertising herein, will be entitled to a year's subscription to this paper, providing the dealer receiving the order notifies us.

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London collectors are talking of forming a Society here. As there are nearly 500 active collectors here a Society ought to be a success. It is probable, however, that no active steps for the formation will be taken until the fall.

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We would like collectors to whom this number is sent to send us the names and addresses of any collectors they may know in their own town or city. If the list you send us is a good one we will send you this paper one year for your trouble.

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The S. B. Bradt Co. hold their first and midsummer auction sale on the afternoon and evening of July 25th. It will be to your interests to invest a cent in a post card and send for their fine catalogue. A new feature of this catalogue will be that it gives exact illustrations of the rarer varieties, showing their exact condition. This Co'y is booming stamp collecting in Chicago

Much dissatisfaction seems to be shown in regard to the way the A.P.A. sales department is worked, and it is probable that some active steps will be taken in regard to it at the coming convention. Collectors who patronize this department do not like having to pay cash for the stamps they take when there is a much larger amount due them, and then have to wait a few months for the cash due them.

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The stamp dealers of the United States are at last taking active steps in regard to the duty on stamps. These duties have always been a great drawback to the U. S. collectors, as well as to foreign dealers and collectors. Mr. C. H. Mekeel started the movement. He also started a subscription list and over $100 has already been subscribed towards paying the expenses of a committee that will shortly go to Washington. It is likely they will bring about a satisfactory settlement of the matter. Just to illustrate to what excesses the custom officials go, the following incident may be quoted: "A New York dealer received a letter from Roumania, on which were several sets of the Roumania Jubilee Issue. The custom officials allowed this gentleman to remove the contents of the letter, *but they actually kept the stamps on the outside of the letter for duty*. Next!"

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EDITORIAL.

This, our second number, is still the same old size. However, it contains more reading matter than our first number, and our next number will contain more still. We are very well pleased with the liberal way that collectors have responded with their subscriptions and we hope they will continue to send them in, and thereby aid us in our attempt to make this a first-class journal. Our next number will consist of 16 or 32 pages and have a guaranteed circulation of 7000 copies. Ample proof will be furnished our advertisers that we circulate the full number of copies as stated above. As to where these copies go: One copy will go to each of the five thousand names in Mekeel's New Address Book; 1500 copies will go to *bona fide* collectors, whose names have never appeared in any Address Book and many of whom have never seen a Philatelic paper. For parties wishing foreign correspondence this will be an unequalled chance to obtain good correspondents in any country in the world, for our next number goes to every foreign, as well as domestic, name in Mekeel's Address Book. Notwithstanding the above large circulation our advertising rates remain unchanged. This is a great chance to increase your trade; do not let it go by. Your are sure to be satisfied with the results of an advertisement, small or large. Send us a trial advertisement.

Those wishing foreign correspondence will find it will be better to have their ads. in French. For the benefit of those, we have decided to take a LIMITED number of ads. in French. Rates for French ads. will be double our regular rates, and one cent a word for the exchange column. We have stopped giving our subscribers the premiums mentioned in the last number, but to all who subscribe before our next number is issued, we will insert them a 30 word exchange notice (value 15c.) in our next number free, and your exchange notice will be read by 7000 dealers and collectors. Subscribe.

The objects of the new Society to be formed here in the fall are :—Firstly, to act as a Philatelic Protective Association, that is, to cause the arrest and prosecution of frauds; to have a system of collecting debts; to stop the sale and manufacturing of counterfeit stamps; to discourage the multitude of new issues coming yearly from South and Central America. Secondly, to have an exchange department which shall be conducted on the best principles. Thirdly, that the dues be low so as to make it possible for any reliable dealer or collector to become a member. Fourthly, that any member who has a complaint of any nature may refer the matter to the President, who will cause an investigation to be made. It is thought that the above, with other objects of the Society, will to a certain extent do away with the difficulties that are now causing so much dissatisfaction in the A. P. A. and C.P.A. Full particulars in regard to the forming of above Society will be given in our next. I should like to correspond with collectors desirous of joining the above Society.

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U.S., 1868, 90 cent blue	5.00	4.00
U.S., 1869, 1 cent buff	.15	.12
U.S., 1869, 12 cent green	.30	.25
U.S., 1859, 15 " "		.50
U.S., 1869, 15 cent (no frame)	1.50	1.25
U.S., 1869, 10 cent yellow	.30	.25
U.S., 1869, 30 cent blue & carm	1.00	.85
U.S., 1870, 1 cent blue	.20	.55
U.S., 1870, 3 cent green	.05	.03
U.S., 1870, 6 cent pink,	1.50	1.25
U.S., 1810, 12 cent purple		5 00
U.S, 1872. 1 cent blue	01	.01
U.S., 1872, 12 cent purple	.10	.09
U.S., 1872, 15 cent orange	.02	.01
U.S., 1872, 30 cent black	.05	.03
U.S., 1872, 90 cent carmine	.15	.10
U,S., 1888, 4 cent carmine	.03	.05
U.S., 1888, 90 cent purple	.35	.30
U.S., 1890, complete (10 var.)	.33	.30
U.S., special delivery '85"	.07	.05
U.S, " " "88"	.05	.03
xU.S., 6 cent bright red	.15	.10
U.S. Rev. 1st issue, unperf., $1 manifest	1.50	.75
xSuez Canal Co. 1868, 1c. black	.20	.10
x " " " 1868, 5c. green	.15	.05
x " " " 1868, 10c. blue	.05	.03
x " " " 1868, 40c. red	.05	.10
xSpain, 1870, 1 m on buff	.10	.06
Siam, 1883, 1 at, carmine	.06	.04
xSarawak, 1871, 3 cent brown	.10	.07
x " 1889, 4 cent	.10	.07
Iceland, 1854, 3c. yellow	03	.02
xHondtras, 1878, 2 reales blue	.06	.04
Hong Kong, 1865, 96c. yel br.	3.50	3.00
xHelijolana wrappers, 3 var.	.12	.08
xMexico, 1864, 1 reales	.05	.02
x " 1864, 2 "	.08	.03
x " 1864, 4 "	.08	.03

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xMexico 1844, 1 peso	.08	.05
x " 1882, 12 cent brown	.10	.06
x " 1882, 18 cent red brown	.10	.06
x " 1882, 24 cent violet	.15	.08
xSt. Lucia, ½d. green	.03	.02
Cyprus, ½ pia green	.02	.01
xFaridkot 1888, 1 F black	.05	.03
x " 1888, 1 F green	.05	.03
x " 1888, 1 F blue		.03
x " 1888, 1 F red		.03
" 1888, 1 F yellow	.10	.03
x " 1888, (perf) 1 F blue	.05	.03
x " 1888, (perf) 1 F red		.03
x " 1888, (perf) 1 F black	.05	.03
x " 1888, (perf) 1 F green	.05	.03
x " 1888, ½c. blue	.10	.05
x " 1888, ½ vermilion		.06
x " 1888, ½ green		.06
x " 1888, ½ black		.05
x " 1888, 25 varieties		1.00
xCuba 1875, 50c. green	.20	.15
Sanatander, 1886, 10c. violet	.15	.09
Argentine, 1888, 10c. brown	.04	.03
xDanube Steam Nav. Co. 1866, 10s lilac	.05	.03
x " " " " 1866, 17s scarl't	.05	.03
x " " " " 1868, 10c green	.05	.03
x " " " " 1871, 10s scart't	.05	.02
xNicaragua, 1882, 20c. slate	.10	.05
x " 1890, 1c. brown	.03	.02
x " 1890, 2c. vermilion	.05	.03
x " 1890, 5c. blue		.03
x " 1890, 10c. slate		.05
x " 1890, 10c. red		.07
x " 1899, 50c. violet		.10
x " 1890, 1 P dark brown		.10
x " 1890, 2 P green		.10
x " 1890, 5 P rose		.15
x " 1890, 10 P orange		.20
Ceylon, 1792. 2 cent on 4 cent rose	.08	.03
xSalvador, 1890, 1c. green	.03	.02
x " 1890, 2c. brown		.03
x " 1890, 3c. yellow		.03
x " 1890, 5c. blue		.05
x " 1890, 10c. violet		.10
x " 1890, 20c. orange		.10
x " 1890, 25c. rose		.10
x " 1890, 50c. mauve		.15
x " 1890, 1 P salmon		.15
Canada, 1851, 6d. black lilac	3.50	3.00
" 1851, 6d. black	3.50	3.00
" 1858, 3d. sea brown	35.00	20.00
" 1859, 10c. violet	.08	.05
" 1859, 5c. vermilion	.02	.01
" 1859, 12½c. green	.05	.12
" 1859, 17c. blue	.40	.25
x " 1868, 12½c. blue	.35	.25
x " 1889, 1c. orange		
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Sweden, Official,	11 "	- -	15c.
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Jamaica revenue, used postally, 1 p	.10
" " " " 3 p	.40
United States, 1st issue, internal revenue, $50 unperforated, fine copies	1.25
United States, 1st issue, internal revenue, $50 unperf., unsevered pair, fine	3.00
United States, 1st issue, internal revenue, $50 unperf.. strip of three, fine	5.25
†Curacoa, 1c., 2c., 2½c., 3c., 1889-1890, set of 4	.08
Curacoa, 2½ unpaid	.02
†Turks Islands, ½ penny, beautiful	.03
† " " 1 " "	.05
† " " 2½ " "	.10
† " " 4 " "	.14
† " " 6 " "	.25
† " " 1 sh. "	.50
Chili, set of 7, including 20c.	.06
British Guiana, 1c. on $1.00	.15
" " 1c. on $2.00	.15
" " 1c. on $3.00	.15
" " 1c. on $4.00	.35
†Costa Rica, 1863, ½r. 2c., the pair,	.05
†French Colonies, 1872, 30c.	.15
† " " 1877, 35c.	.15
† " " 1877, 2c.	.03
† " " 1881, 4c.	.02
† " " 1881, 10c.	.04
† " " 1881, 5c.	.02
† " " 1877, 40c.	.20
†Columbia, 1c. map, green	.02
U. S. Special Delivery, 10c.	.03
Great Britain, 16p. 1890	.05

†Unused.

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The Canadian Philatelist.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY

IN THE INTEREST OF STAMP COLLECTING.

VOL. I. LONDON, OCTOBER 15, 1891. No. 3.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES.

In future numbers this will be a regular department of this paper, and considerable space will be devoted to it.

ARGENTINE.—*Le Timbre Post* gave an illustration of the 50 pesos blue. It was very large and had the portrait of Dean Funes. This stamp, however, was not issued and 100,000 copies have been burned.

BRAZIL.—*La Echo de Timbrelogie* illustrates the new 80 reis cord of this country.

BOLIVAR.—We have been informed of a new issue from this place. The set is dated 1891, and consists of :—1 cent black ; 5 cent orange ; 10 cent blue ; 20 cent red ; 50 cent green, and 1 peso violet.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—A new issue has come to hand from this place. The design is the same as the stamps of Scychelles. The values are : 2 cent rose ; 2 cent brown ; 6 cent blue ; 11 cent purple and green ; 24 cent yellow and blue. If these stamps are as pretty as Seychelles, we have indeed a pretty set to add to our collections.

NATAL.—We see by *La Echo de Timbrelogie* that the new 2½ cent blue has been issued. It is perforated 14 and watermarked Crown and C. A.

HONDURAS.—The 1891 issue for this place has come into use. The issue consists of : 1 cent blue ; 2 cent brown ; 5 cent green ; 10 cent vermilion ; 20 cent salmon ; 30 cent slate ; 40 cent green ; 50 cent brown ; 75 cent purple ; 1 peso brown ; 2 pesos brown, black center ; 5 pesos purple, black centre ; 10 pesos green, black center.

SARAWAK.—The 1891 issue :—5 cent blue and green ; 10 cent red and green.

SIERRA LEONE.—A 2½ cent blue of the current type has been issued. Perforated 14 and watermarked Crown and C. A.

SURINAM—ISSUE 1891.—A 2 cent blue of the current type has just been issued.

SWEDEN.—Official stamps of the old design have been issued as follows : 1 ore vermilion ; 20 ore blue.

TURKEY.—The new issue is as follows :

1891.....10 paras gray and green.
1891.....20 paras gray and rose.
1891.....1 pi. gray and blue.
1891.....2 pi. gray and ochre.
1891.....5 pi. gray and salmon.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The new issue consists of : 5c. olive brown ; 10c. claret ; 25c. blue.

LITERARY NOTES.

We have received the following papers and thank the publishers for the same : *La Echo de Timberlogie ; New Hampshire Philatelist ; Eastern Philatelist ; One Dime ; Standard Philatelist ; American Journal of Philately ; Rhode Island Philatelist ; The Stamp News ; Philatelic Record ; The Collector ; The American Youth ; New York Philatelist ; Brooklyn Philatelist.* There are many other papers who have not placed us on their exchange list ; we hope they will do so at once.

The *New Hampshire Philatelist* has reached its eighth number. This paper is pushing its way rapidly to the front. It is the official organ of the New Hampshire Philatelic Society.

After some months absence *One Dime* is again on our table. Mr. Peugh has had the typhoid fever, which caused the long delay.

The *Eastern Philatelist* comes to hand full of interesting matter. Mr. Pinkham is making a success of this paper since it passed into his hands.

The last few numbers of the *Standard Philatelist* have not been up to their usual standard. They have been little more than advertising sheets.

Mr. Harding, of Kamloops, B. C., states that he will shortly issue a new quarterly stamp paper to be called *The Canadian Stamp News.* We extend him our best wishes for its success.

We hear that the *Maritime Philatelist* offers to act as official organ of the C.P.A. *free of charge.* How can it be done ? Perhaps Bro. Wallis gets his paper printed free. By the way, we would like Mr. Wallis to place us on his exchange list.

The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* has ceased its visits. We sincerely hope that it is not numbered among the dead.

The *Empire State Stamp Journal* is now to be issued regularly. For over a year-and-a-half Mr. Lincoln Rappleye has been trying to secure second-class rates. Now that he has secured them nothing will prevent him from making it, as it used to be, one of the leading stamp papers of the day.

The *Philatelic Tribune* is old, reliable, prompt and full of the most interesting news. It is published by Mr. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N.Y.

The *Brooklyn Philatelist* is a paper that is rapidly pushing its way to the front. We advise our readers to invest a cent and write to the publishers for a sample copy. See adv. in this number.

We have received the *American Youth.* It devotes considerable space in each number to philately.

THE CANADIAN STAMP CATALOGUE.

BY L. M. STAEBLER.

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All prices are net; cash must be sent in advance; postage extra. All orders under 25 cents are respectfully declined.

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These, however, are very scarce, as the Government stopped the issue and but few were circulated.

ISSUE 1887.—Two new cards were issued in this year, the design of stamps being like die 3 of the wrappers.

ISSUE 1888.—In this year the reply card changed to a very dark shade of green.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.	New.	Used.
129	1877	1 cent	blue (Montreal)	.10	.02
130	1877	1 "	blue(Mon.-Ottawa)	.15	.05
131	1877	2 "	green (U. King'd'm)	.25	.15
132	1881	2 "	green (Post. Union)	.05	.05
133	1883	2 "	black (reply)	.15	.10
134	1884	2 "	black (error reply)		
135	1887	1 "	blue	.05	.05
136	1887	2 "	black (reply)	.05	.05
137	1888	2 "	dark green (reply)	.05	.05

BRITISH COLUMBIA and VANCOUVER ISLE.

This Province first issued postage stamps in 1861. The first stamp issued was the 2½ pence, which may be described as follows: Head of Queen Victoria to left in centre of stamp; "British Columbia" at the top and "Vancouver Isle" at the bottom, both in two lines; on the left hand side "Postage" and on the right hand side in two lines, "Two Pence Halfpenny." The stamp was in color pink. It is found both perforated and unperforated. In 1865, a 5 and a 10 cent was issued for use in Vancouver Island only. They were both of the same design and may be described as follows: Head of Queen Victoria to left in circle; "Vancouver Islands" above and value in words below. The color of the 5 cent was rose. The color of the 10 cent was blue. Both the 5 and 10 cent stamps are found perforated and unperforated.

In 1864 a three penny stamp was issued. The centre of the stamp was occupied by an oval scroll and on the scroll were the words: "British Columbia Postage, Three Pence." Inside the space which was enclosed by the scroll was a Roman Numeral "V," surmounted by a crown. This stamp was perforated. Color, blue

In the year 1868, stamps were printed from the above sheets and surcharged the value in cents. Nearly all of the stamps of Br. Columbia and Vancouver Isle are found on water-marked paper. I therefore in my reference list mention them all as being found on watermarked paper. I have not as yet seen the 2½ pence pink watermarked and I should like to hear from any person who has, or knows of such a specimen. I do not price Br. Columbia stamps because my stock of them is not very large and what few I have are not for sale.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.
139	1861	2½ pence	pink (unperf)
139	1861	2½ "	pink (per)
140	1865	5 cent	rose (unperf)
141	1865	5 "	rose (perf)
142	1865	10 "	blue (perf)
143	1865	10 "	blue (unperf)
144	1864	3 pence	blue

The 3 penny stamp of 1864 printed in various colors and surcharge with new value (in cents) perf.

145	1868	2 cent	brown	black surch'rg
146	1869	5 "	red	" "
147	1869	10 "	rose	blue "
148	1869	25 "	yellow	violet "
149	1869	10 "	violet	yellow "
150	1859	1 dol.	green	green "

Watermarked Crown and C.C.

151	1861	2½ pence pink unperf
152	1861	2½ pence pink perf
153	1865	5c. rose unperf (doubtful).
154	1865	5c. rose perf "
155	1865	10c. blue unperf
156	1865	10c. " perforated
157	1864	3 pence blue

3d. Surcharged.

158	1868	2c. brown, black surcharge (doubtful
159	1869	5c. red, " "
160	1869	10c. rose, blue "
161	1869	25c. yel., violet "
162	1869	50c. viol., yellow "
163	1869	$1 green, green " "

(To be continued.)

CONSTITUTION OF

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA.

ORGANIZED SEPT., 1891.

PREAMBLE.

The objects of this Society shall be to further the advancement of stamp collecting ; to protect collectors from frauds ; to expose dealers in counterfeits, and to take such steps as may be deemed important by the officers to perpetuate the postal history of the world.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

Section 1.—This Society shall be known as the Philatelic Society of Canada.

ARTICLE II.

Dues.

Sec. 1.—The annual dues of this Society shall not exceed 50 cents per year.

Sec. 2.—At the annual convention a committee shall be appointed to set the dues for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE III.

Membership.

Sec. 1.—Applications for membership to this Society must be sent to the Secretary, and be accompanied by references.

Sec. 2.—The Secretary shall publish the names of applicants and references given, in the Official Journal, and if no objections are received within one month the applicant shall be considered elected.

Sec. 3.—Parties joining this Society shall be charg- no initiation fee.

Sec. 4.—All dues to be paid in advance,

Sec. 5.—Any member against whom a charge (written) of fraudulent dealing, sale of counterfeits, etc., is preferred shall be tried by a committee of four, who shall be appointed by the President. This committee may suspend or expel the said member, and their decision shall be final and binding to all parties concerned.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.

Sec. 1.—The Officers for this Association shall be : President and Vice-President for each Province ; Secretary-Treasurer, Exchange Superintendent and a Chief Executive Committee.

Sec. 2.—The terms of all officers of this Association shall be for one year from their annual election until their successors are elected and qualified. The annual election of officers shall take place at the annual convention. The election of officers shall be made by ballot, a majority of the whole number of votes cast being necessary to a choice.

Sec. 3.—Members unable to attend convention may place their votes in the hands of some attending member, whom they shall authorize to vote for them by proxy.

ARTICLE V.

Duties of Officers.

PRESIDENT.

Sec. 1.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society. He shall sign all warrants and orders of the Treasurer for moneys required for the use of the Society. By and with the consent of the Chief Executive he shall call for a general vote of the Society upon any desired question. All voting shall be by ballot.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Sec. 2.—The Vice-Presieents shall act in the absence of the President, according to seniority, and it shall be their duty to keep a Provincial roll of members residing in their Province, and they will be the Chairmen of any special committees appointed by the Society.

SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Sec. 3.—The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all dues and applications. and shall grant applications after the same has been published one month in the official journal. He shall also preserve all documents and keep all documents and minutes of meetings on file.

LIBRARIAN.

Sec. 4.—The duties of the Librarian shall be : to receive and arrange the contributions made by the members to the Library of the Society.

OFFICIAL COLLECTORS.

Sec. 5.—The duties of the Official Collector shall be : to collect all accounts that shall be placed in his hands by members, to place the particulars in regard to fraud in the hands of the Post Office authorities, and to report on the recent and dangerous forgeries. The Collector shall be allowed a commission of 20% on all accounts collected. This officer to be appointed by the President.

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

Sec. 6.—The duties of the Exchange Superintendent shall be to receive exchange sheets from members and place them on circuits. A circuit shall consist of six members. No members may keep sheets in their hands more than 3 days. Each member shall fully prepay postage to next person on the circuit. That the Exchange Superintendent shall be allowed a commission of 10% on sales to cover expenses. Members must remit promptly for all stamps taken, when called to do so. The Exchange Superintendent shall be required to return sheets of members, with amount due them, at least once a quarter, The office of Exchange Superintendent *must not be held by a Dealer*, and he will be governed by such other rules as the President may decide.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Sec. 7.—The Executive Committee shall consist of three members. If possible, these members shall reside in our town or city. That the duties of this committee shall be : To try and report upon such matters as may be placed in their hands by the President.

ARTICLE VI.

Official Organ.

Sec. 1.—The official organ of this Society shall be the *Canadian Philatelist.*

Sec. 2.—As a remuneration for publishing reports of the Society in the *Canadian Philatelist*, the Society shall grant the Publisher the dues of 25c. per member as full payment for use of his paper for the first year, and thereafter as the Society may determine.

Sec. 3.—All members shall receive the paper *free.*

ARTICLE VII.

Convention.

Sec. 1.—An annual convention of this Society shall be held once a year, and at such a place as may be chosen by the members by ballot.

ARTICLE VIII.

Amendments to Constitution.

Sec. 1.—This Constitution can only be altered or amended by the consent of at least two-thirds of the members of the Association, who shall elect and appoint a committee to revise said Constitution.

ARTICLE IX.

Sec. 1.—The President has power to call for a vote upon all questions affecting the Society at all times, and to decide upon questions submitted to him.

The Philatelic Society of Canada.

Organized September, 1891.

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ADDRESS.

To the Stamp Collectors of Canada :

GENTLEMEN.—For some time the want of a really first-class national Philatelic Society has been felt in British North America. With the object of forming such, an organization committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Stæbler, Cary, Aube, Hartley and myself, issued an invitation from the committee signed by myself as Chairman, calling upon all stamp collectors to help us in our endeavors to provide for the collectors, especially a good Canadian Philatelic Association, to be alike a credit as a national society and to our pursuit. Our call has been responded to with unlooked for results, and I venture to say no society has started with a better prospect of a most brilliant future, or with a larger roll. As will be seen, we have secured several of the leading advanced Philatelists in Canada, who have heretofore held aloof from societies for reasons best known to themselves. We also welcome in our ranks many of the younger collectors, and trust all will endeavor to make the leading society of Canada what it ought to be. Our success is assured in point of membership and quality of material. It behoves our members to unite closely together, guard one another's interests and help to build up a grand monument to Philately. Deeming it wise to curtail all expenses, as far as possible, the organization committee have made arrangements whereby there will be no charge to join, and the small fee of 25c. will pay all dues to July 1st, 1892. This will cover the expenses of the Sec. Treas. and the official organ, a copy of which will be sent free of charge regularly to all members. From the roll published this month will be seen the names of many qualified to fill the various offices, and I trust the membrrs will read the constitution carefully, then send in their nominations, *first obtaining the nominee's permission* to allow his name to stand for election. I trust every member will see that his Philatelic friends are enrolled as members, and it is the desire of the committee to obtain, before December, at least 300. As soon as the Exchange Supt. is elected his department will be organized in ample time for the winter season.

Yours Philatelically,
J. R. HOOPER,
Chairman Org. Com.

SEC.-TREAS.' REPORT.

It gives me pleasure to report such a rapid growth of our Society in such a short time. During the past three weeks I have received a large number of applications, all of which were submitted to the Organizing Committee, and 73 of the applications were granted. I give below a full list of our members and their P.O. addresses. Now that we are fully organized it is our intention to conduct all business of the Society on the most approved plans. During the coming month let every member do his best to get his collecting friends to join—*at least* send in one application. If every member will do as above and get one new member, as a result our society will be a grand success. Take an active interest and we are all right. When sending in applications they must be accompanied by two references and the annual due of 25 cents.

As regards the Exchange Department, it will be set in working order immediately after the election, which takes place next month. Members are requested to send in nominations for the following officers :

President ; Vice-President for Ontario ; Vice-President for Quebec ; Vice-President for Nova Scotia ; Vice-President for New Brunswick ; Vice-President for Manitoba ; Vice-President for Br. Columbia ; Vice-President for the United States ; Secretary-Treasurer ; Librarian ; Exchange Superintendent.

I hope members will take the greatest care in selecting parties for above offices. It is necessary in all cases to obtain the consent of the nominee before sending in nominations.

I have received the dues of the following

members : 1, 2, 3, 14, 19, 25, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41 49, 63, 72. Members who have not sent in their dues will confer a favor by sending the same at once.

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46 Dan C. Doolittle, Box 455, Freemont, Neb.
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49 F. T. W. Brathwaite, Pt. Perry, Ont.
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51 J. Bernstein, jr., Montreal.
52 J. Ades Fowler, Woodstock, Ont.
53 Fred. White, jr., Daly Ave., Ottawa.
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59 N. W. Chandler, Fargo, Dak., U.S.
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73 Clifton Whitall, Minneapolis, Minn.

When sending in nominations do not fail to nominate three members for the Executive Committee in addition to the other officers.

All members of the Committee must reside in or near one place.

All members should read the Constitution and Chairman's Address very carefully.

Hoping for a successful year for the Society, and a large list of applications before my next report, I am,

Yours Respectfully,
L. M. STÆBLER,
Sec-Treas. pro tem.

Just as we are going to press Mr. J, R. Hooper writes informing us that he has formed two branches of the Philatelic Society of Canada—one at Ottawa and one at Montreal.

Our society will have an accredited corresponding member in every foreign country, and arrangements are now being made to that end.

We must apologize in a measure for the style of this number. Our next will contain more reading matter and will be in decidedly better style.

We have appointed A. C. Jubien & Co., Halifax, N.S., as our advertising and subscription agents. All the matter placed in their hands by parties in that vicinity will have prompt attention.

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EDITORIAL.

Have you sent us your subscription ? If not, why not ? Surely this paper is worth the small sum asked. Please favor us with your sub.

We cannot complain in the least of the liberal support that dealers and collectors have given us during the past few months that our paper has been before the collecting public. To repay them in a measure for their support, we enlarge this, our third number, to sixteen pages, and in future we shall issue this paper monthly.

Advertisers ! This is the paper for you. Our paper only circulates among the best class of buying collectors and those active in the pursuit. It circulates among the members of the *Philatelic Society of Canada*, which is composed of the foremost Canadian collectors. We ask but one trial, which we know will be satisfactory. Our terms are strictly cash in advance, except to those who are known to us.

We have just completed arrangements with the organizing committee of the Philatelic Society of Canada, who have selected this paper as official organ, and all members of the above Society receive the official organ free. Have you joined the above Society ? If not, by all means send in your application at once. A collector who is not a member is behind the times. The Society is worked on the most approved plans and has an exchange department second to none in the world. Although the Society is but a month old, its membership is far larger than the C. P. A.'s was at the same age.

Our $5.00 stock, which was infroduced in our last issue, has been a decided success. If you are a dealer, order one by all means. The contents are superior to some $10 stocks at present on the market. See advertisement.

Some of the dealers who sent us ads. for this number will be somewhat surprised on finding that they have not been inserted. We cannot insert the ads. of parties who are strangers to us, unless cash is sent in advance.

We have just received the latest number of the *Philatelic Era* and find that the *Rhode Island Philatelist* has been consolidated with it. We are glad to see that our old favorite has passed into such good hands.

Foreign collectors should all read the adv. of Mr. W. McMahon. We know this gentleman personally and can recommend him to you as a good reliable correspondent. Try him.

We have received a number of requests for prices on back numbers of this paper. Any back number may be had at a charge of five cents. All subscriptions must commence with the current number.

Send us a trial order from our list of "Fine Mixtures." The prices asked are no higher than those usually asked for mixtures of poor quality. See adv. elsewhere.

The C.P.A. is having a fine sleigh ride down the hill of popularity. In all probability it will go through the ice at the bottom.

Our new wholesale lists will be issued shortly. Every dealer should send his name for copies. They will be the cheapest lists ever issued.

Be sure to read the matter relative to the Philatelic Society of Canada, and send in your application for membership.

See the ad. of Theo Bull & Co. in another part of this journal. You should not fail to write for their lists, etc.

Every reader of this paper is requested to send us the names and addresses of all the collectors in their town.

All new subscribers are entitled to one exchange notice of 30 words free.

CURRENT TOPICS.

We hear that Massoth is going to resurrect the *Figaro* at Chicago. We hope so.

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The Chicago Philatelic Society has started a World's Fair Fund. We wish them every success.

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Mr. Rogers has issued catalogues of his second sale. He puts a reserve price on every lot.

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An unusually busy season is before the dealers. To succeed, advertise in a live paper with a good circulation. Our rates are low ; try an ad.

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There is talk of a new set of stamps to commemorate the World's Fair of 1893 The design suggested is similar to the design of the 1869 issue.

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Members of the Philatelic Society of Canada ! Our columns are at all times open for your use in the discussion of any subject of importance to Philately.

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The *Southern Philatelist* was the first monthly paper out with the full returns of the A.P.A. convention. *The Post Office* was second. These Southerners are hustlers.

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The C.P.A. convention was a dismal failure. The only members present from a distance were Messrs. Cameron & McMahon. During the past year the progress of the C. P.A. has been *down hill*. Unless they awake from their dreams and hurry up, their young sister society will beat them.

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No application blanks are necessary to join the Philatelic Society of Canada. Send your application and references, and that is all that is necessary.

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We are getting tired of waiting for *Mekeel's Address Book*. It was promised some time since, but as yet it has not appeared. When it is issued it is our intention to send a copy of this paper to every name in it.

When answering advertisements mention this paper.

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Try an adv. in our next number. It is sure to pay you.

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We will start a Stamp Dealers' Directory in our next number.

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Our next number will contain more reading matter and less ads. than this one.

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Read the advertisement of Mr. Chas. Milligan, in this number, and send for some of his approval sheets.

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The Exchange Department of the Philatelic Society of Canada will be the best in existence. Join us and patronize it.

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You should become an agent for the Dominion Stamp Co., of Kamloops, B. C. and try for the premium they offer. It is worth your while.

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By all means send for a sample copy of the *Missouri Philatelist*, published by Julius Conrath & Co., La Salle St., St. Louis, Mo. You will be repaid. See adv. elsewhere.

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We have been favored with a copy of the Galaxy of Music of F. Trift, of Boston. Every number contains over $4 worth of music, and yet it only costs $1 to have it sent to you every month for a year.

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Chicago Collectors are not in love with Niagara Falls as a place to hold the next convention of the C.P.A. Although the fare is much cheaper to the Falls than to New York, the hotel bills more than make up the difference

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What is going to become of our Stamp Journals ? Are they going to merge into amateur papers ? The *Dominion Philatelist* will persist in giving us *pill* advertisements, and the *Southern Philatelist* gives a *spavin cure*. Stop it ! We Philatelists are all healthy ! ! Stamps are our medicine ! ! !

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Peace and satisfaction reigns in the A. P. A. All the members are well pleased with the result of the convention and all are looking forward to the prospect of incorporation in the near future. Geo. H. Watson held the bulk of the proxies, and as a result all came off well. Crowin took a back seat this year.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

TERMS—Half a cent per word each insertion, payable in advance. No exchange notice will be received for less than 10 cents. No display allowed.

The Universal Coin Co., London, Ont., will exchange fire Native Indian States and Portuguese Colonies for such U. S. Postage and Department Stamps as they need for their collection. 20 varieties of Native Indian States for a complete used set of U.S. Interior Department ; 25 Philatelic papers for an unused U. S. 10 cent Black Post Office Department. Canada Revenues and Postage Stamps wanted, except 1c., 2c. and 3c. present issue. We will give $3 fine exchange from our sheets for a 6d. purple of Canada. Address as above. *Mention this Paper.* (4)

New York 5c. Black wanted for cash or good exchange. L M. Stæbler, London, Ont. (4)

Canadian Revenues on approval at 33⅓% discount. Good reference required. Wanted to buy pence issues of Canada in any quantity for prompt cash. *Mention this paper.* Universal Coin Co., London, Ont. (3)

10 Philatelic Papers for 200 sq. cut envelope stamps, or for 500 stamps of any kind. L. M. Stæbler, London, Ont. (4)

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75 Canadian Revenues for every U, S. 90c. purple stamp. Universal Coin Co., London, Ont (3)

75 mixed stamps, 2c. ; 1000 mixed, 18c. ; 5 var. of Saxony, 10c. ; 50 % commission to agents. Harry O. Trueauff, 2327 Stout St., Denver, Colo.

Ten good Philatelic papers for 200 mixed Canadian stamps, (no 1c., 2c. or 3c. present issue) 2 12½ blue ; 1 12½ green ; 13d. 12d or 4 15 cent Canadian. Geo. McNichol, Ottawa, Canada.

This paper will be sent 1 year for any of the following : a 3d Canada ; a U.S. 90 cent stamp ; 75 Canada registers ; 1000 European stamps ; 250 U.S. sq. cut envelopes ; 50 Canada sq. cut envelopes ; or 100 revenue stamps from any country. Address : Canadian Philatelist, London, Ont.

A 1 inch ad. in this paper for every Postage Stamp catalogued at $1 or over L. M. Stæbler, London, Ont.

1000 fine blank approval sheets for a New York 5 cent black. L. M. Stæbler, London, Ont.

40 fine stamp papers for 25 cents. Address, L. M. Stæbler, London, Ont. (4)

Whosoever sends me a post card of his country will receive one of Canada in return, Belgium and U.S. excepted. I desire to enter into exchange relations with foreign collectors and dealers. Send exchange offers. Merner Stæbler, London, Ont. (5)

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Canadian Stamps to sell for cash. A camera and box of drawing instruments to exchange. Arthur Langlais, Frazerville, Quebec.

All sending me 50 assorted post cards of their country will receive the same number of Canadian cards. Foreign correspondence solicited, Frank Smith, Mt. Forest, Ont.

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Will give 100 U.S. 4 cent brown 1891 issue for every 150 Canadian bill stamps sent me. Geo. P. Ferguson, Hudson, N. Y,

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3.	25 " "	3c.
4.	20 " "	5c.
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" 1878, 25c. green	.25	.15
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" 1882, 15c. yellow	.10	.07
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" 1890, 20c. red		.07
" 1890, 50c. violet		.10
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" 1890, 5p. rose		.15
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U.S. War Department, 1 cent		.02
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" " " 2 "	.30	.25
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" 1882, 1 cent blue	.03	.02
" 1883. 2 cent claret	.05	.04
" 1887, 2 cent green		.03
" 1888, 5 cent blue	.08	.06
Corea, 10m. blue	.08	.05
" 5m. carmine	.15	.09
Br. Honduras, 2c. on 1p. rose	.06	.04
" " 3c. on 3p. brown	.08	.05
Gambia, 1p. carmine	.08	.05
" ½p. green	.05	.03
" ½p. orange	.05	.04
Saxony, 1863, 3p. green	.03	.02
" 1863, ½ orange	.03	.02
" 1863, 1 n.g. rose	.03	.02
" 1863, 2 n.g. blue	.03	.02
" 1864, 3 n.g. brown	.03	.02
South African Republic, 1883, 1p. black	.05	.03
" " " 1883, 3p. red	.10	.06
" " " 1883, 3p. black	.10	.06
" " " 1883, 6p. blue	.15	.10
" " " 1883, 1 sh. green	.30	.20
Pr. Edward Isle, 1860, 2 pence rose	.08	.06
" " 1860, 3 " blue	.10	.07
" " 1869, 4 " black	.10	.07
" " 1872, 1 cent orange	.05	.04
" " 1872, 2 cents blue	.05	.04
" " 1872, 4 " green	.05	.04
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" " 1872, 12 " mauve	.10	.07
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" " 1882, 6r. green	.06	.04
" " 1882, 1t. red	.10	.07
" " 1882, 2t. blue	.15	.10
" " 1886, 6 reis green	.06	.04
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES.

AFGHANISTAN.—Stanley Gibbon's *Monthly Journal* mentions three new varieties of the current type as follows:—1 Abassi, blue-green on pale rose paper; 2 Abassi, black on white laid batonne; 1 Rupee, purple on pale-green wove batonne. Will the endless procession of varieties from this place ever cease? To all appearances, No! The worst about the stamps of Afghanistan is that a very large number of them are *unobtainable rarities.*

BRAZIL.—We see by the *Dominion Philatelist* that the 10 reis Journal Stamp of the latest type is now printed on white paper instead of buff, as was heretofore used:—10 reis, blue on white.

BR. NORTH BORNEO.—Owing to a change in the postal rates the *ten cent blue* current type have been surcharged "6 cents" in large type—*adhesive* "6 cents" *in black on 10 cents blue.*

BR. CENTRAL AFRICA.—A correspondent of the *Stamp News* states that the whole series of the Br. South African Company (the ½d excepted), have been surcharged "B. C. A." (Br. Central Africa) for use in all countries north of the Zambesi. The values are as follows:—1d black; 2d, green and yellow; 4d, brown and black; 6d, pale-blue; 8d. rose and black; 1s., brown; 2s., scarlet; 2s. 6d, lilac; 5sh., yellow; 10sh, green; £1, blue; £2, rose; £5, olive-green; £10, brown.

CUBA.—The 5 cent and 10 cent have been changed in color. They are now found in 5 cent de peso, green and 10 cent de peso, carmine.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—The *Stamp News* chronicles 3 new values from this place:—50 centavos, violet; 1 peso, carmine; 2 pesos, red-brown.

JAMAICA.—Mr. H. F. Mooers, of Kingston, Ont., writes informing us of a new discovery he has made, viz:—*a 3d. purple revenue used postally and unperforated.*

JEYHORE.—Stamps for this place have been issued as follows:—The regular issue of India bearing a new style of surcharge, it is "RAJ'—SERVICE," in small black capitals printed in blue-green.

NEGRI-SEMBILAN.—This State, like many other States of the Straits Settlements, has felt the want of surcharges and have issued the 2 cent Straits Settlements stamp, surcharged "Negri-Sembilan" in black in two lines.

RUSSIA.—The current 1 Kopee, blue, is said to be found *imperforate.*

UNITED STATES.—Although it is already in use, we have not seen the new post card. The Postage Due Stamps are now printed in a rich claret.

LITERARY NOTES.

The following have been received with thanks: *Revue Philatelic, The Stamp World, The Brooklyn Philatelist, Dominion Philatelist, The Postage Stamp, The Philatelic Journal of America, American Journal of Philately, The Stamp News, Philatelic Record; Curio; Philatelic Fraud Reporter; Philatelic Era, One Dime, American Youth, Quaker City Philatelist, Eastern Philatelist, Missouri Philatelist, Southern Philatelist, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.* As will be seen by the above list, our exchanges have showed up better during the past month than ever before. We are sorry to see that the publishers of *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, The Stamp Collectors' Magazine, The Philatelic World, The Stamp Collectors' Companion*, and others have not favored us with copies of their publications.

We are also in receipt of the December number of *The Numismatist* published by Dr. Geo. F. Heath, of Monroe, Mich. It is entirely devoted to coin collecting, and contains some very interesting matter in regard to coins, which can be only appreciated by those who collect coins. It is the only collectors' paper we know of that comes out one month ahead of time.

At last the long-suffering and patient philatelic public have been relieved with a sight of the *Dominion Philatelist* with the *pill advertisements* left out. A good step, Bro. Ketcheson.

In our last number we mentioned that Mr. F. Harding, of Kamloops, intended to publish *The Canadian Stamp News.* Mr. Harding writes informing us that he has given up the publication of the same, for the present.

We have received *The Fraud List* published by Mr. A. B. Merrill, of Everett, Mass. The names are arranged in alphabetical order and the book is neatly and artistically printed on fine book paper and well-bound. A valuable feature of the work is: blank pages for addition are interleaved throughout the book. It is a valuable work and should be in the hands of every dealer, publisher and collector. The price is nominal, 25 cents, send to the publisher for a copy. It is invaluable to you!

The *Missouri Philatelist*, published by The Comrath Stamp and Publishing Co., has been received. It consists of 16 pages and cover, 10 pages of which are filled with reading matter. For a new paper the contents are on the whole very good. A good feature is an engraved cover. We extend to the publisher our best wishes for its success.

It is reported that Canada is to have a new stamp paper, to be called the *Philatelic Herald* and to appear from Quebec. It is to be devoted wholly to advertisements.

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NEW BRUNSWICK POSTAGE.

The next of the provinces whose postage stamps will occupy our attention, is New Brunswick. This province issued its first postage stamps in the year 1851, and continued to issue them until 1863, a period of about thirteen years.

Issue, 1851.—In this year there were three issued valued at 3 pence, 6 pence and 1 shilling. The design was that of a crown in the central part of the stamp, with a rose at the upper and lower parts of the stamp, a shamrock on the left hand side and a thistle on the right. On the two upper sides were the words "New Brunswick," on the two lower sides "Postage," and the value in words. These stamps were all lozenge-shaped. The postmasters used often to run short of 3d stamps and to remedy their wants they cut the sixpennies diagonally in two and used the halfs for 3 pence. For colors see reference list.

Issue, 1860.—In this year the necessity for a new issue was occasioned, by a change of the currency from £. s. d. to $ and cents. The designs of this issue were novel and various. The set were all alike in one particular—having the words "New Brunswick Postage" and the value in words in an oval. In this oval the various designs were enclosed. The design of the one cent was a train of cars; the five cent, head of Queen Victoria; the ten cent, same as five cent; the twelve and a half cent, a steamship; the seventeen cent, head of the Prince of Wales. For colors see reference list.

Issue, 1861.—In this year the rarest of New Brunswick stamps was issued. This was the celebrated "Connell" stamp, named after its designer. This stamp was in use but one day, when it was withdrawn from use, because it bore Mr. Connell's portrait. Proofs of this stamp are plentiful and can be bought for from $3 to $5. The original is one of the rarest of stamps.

Issue, 1863.—Two cent orange. Similar design to 1860 issue. Head of Queen Victoria.

Reference List.

NEW BRUNSWICK POSTAGE.

Blueish Wove Paper Unperforated.

No.	Date.	Value	Color.	New.	Used.
164	1851	3 pence	red	$4.00	$2.50
165	1851	6 pence	yellow	8.00	5.25
166	1851	1 shilling	violet	50.00	35.00

PROVISIONAL.

167	6 pence cut diagonally and used for 3 pence.				

White Wove Paper Perforated.

168	1860	1 cent	brown, mauve	.50	.30
169	1860	1 cent	violet	.15	.15
170	1860	5 cent	dark green	.18	.15
171	1860	5 cent	light green	.10	.05
172	1860	10 cent	vermilion	.20	.10
173	1860	12½ cent	blue	.20	.20
174	1860	17 cent	black	.50	.50
175	1861	5 cent	brown	(Connell)	original
176	1861	5 cent	brown	(Connell)	proof
177	1863	2 cent	orange	.20	.15

PROVISIONAL.

178	10 cent cut diagonally and used for 5 cents.				

NOVA SCOTIA.

Next in order come the stamps of Nova Scotia. This province began to issue stamps in the same year as New Brunswick, viz: 1851.

Issue, 1851.—Three values were issued during this year, 3 pence, blue; 6 pence, green; 1 shilling, violet. The stamps were lozenge-shaped, a crown occupied the centre, above the crown a rose, below it a may-flower, at the right hand side a thistle and on the left a shamrock, on the two upper sides the words "Nova Scotia," on the two lower sides "Postage" and the value in words. In each corner was the value in figures.

Issue, 1853.—In this year the one penny stamp was issued. Design:—Head of Queen Victoria in a lozenge-shaped frame, "Nova" above, "Scotia" below, "Postage" on the right and the value in words on the left and the value in figures in each corner.

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To the Members of the Philatelic Society of Canada:

GENTLEMEN,—It is with extreme pleasure and a great deal of satisfaction that I again address you. The advent of our society has startled the philatelic world. Our rapid growth has astounded other societies, who, hereafter, must be content to follow in our wake. The success of our undertaking has been doubly assured by the adhesion of all the prominent stamp collectors in British North America.

With "*Nulli Secundus*" as our motto, we are certain to achieve grand results in the future. Let every member during the coming month send in all the names he possibly can for membership. We must have at least 300 before December 31st, and I sincerely trust that those collectors who have not as yet endeavored to increase our roll will do so at once. In our ranks are several reliable dealers, some of them the first and foremost in North America. I would suggest to our members the importance of patronizing them; buy your stamps from them; shun outside dealers who have no record, and take those which have your interest at heart. They will be found in our ranks

I have been enabled to establish branches in several places, as will be seen in another column, and I trust that wherever it can be done, branches will be formed.

We welcome our American friends, and trust our relations will be cordial. While liberal to all, we will not suffer one member to be hurt by another in his dealings. We have the Executive located at one place, and all complaints sent to the President will be handed to these officers, who will mete out strict justice to all.

The answer to our calumniators is found in the noble response of our Honor Roll, making this society the Canadian National Philatelic Ass'n of British North America. The Exchange Department will at once be put in operation by one of Canada's foremost collectors, Mr. J. S. Robertson, a prominent lawyer of St. Thomas, and fair dealing, without the interference of a dealers' clique, will be shown. Mr. Robertson himself is an advanced philatelist, possessor of one of the finest collections on the continent, and a gentleman eminently fitted for the responsible position he holds.

By incorporating our society, we do away with personal liability; we secure the older collectors, and we place ourselves on a practical business footing under government regulations Unincorporated societies cannot collect dues even from members or hold property, and they run the risk of individual members bringing suit for criminal libel if they are expelled and recovering heavy damages, not from the society, but from other individual members.

Branch societies have the benefit of our incorporation, and we shall be pleased to negotiate with any other societies in Canada which may wish to join us *as a Branch*. Collectors know a good thing when they see it, and our phenomenal success, by doubling our membership in four weeks, shows that a really good national society was wanting.

Branches will elect a President, who will act as Exchange Manager, also a Secretary. These two officers' names should be sent in as soon as possible, so they can be published in the December official organ.

Should mistakes occur in the roll as published, in either names or addresses, or should members not receive the official organ regularly, they will communicate with Mr. Stæbler as soon as possible, in order that he may make the necessary corrections. Members sending their annual dues of 25c. should see that such is acknowledged in the official organ for the following month. I shall be happy to reply to every question sent me, and invite our younger collectors to write me on any stamp topic.

The Philatelic Exchange Club and other organizations have joined us in a body. We have formed the local members of the P.C.E. into a Branch as No. 6, and all other members of that society will be allotted numbers and placed upon our roll by sending address to the Secretary. Branch members need not pay dues to the branches, but this is a matter of purely local concern.

In conclusion, I beg to return my sincere and hearty thanks to those friends who have unanimously elected me to the office of President, and I trust I shall merit the confidence reposed in me. I may state that I only accepted the nomination on condition that I could withdraw if any other name was proposed. All elective and appointive offices will be filled by Dec. 1st.

I have the honor to be,

Yours most sincerely,

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SEC.-TREASURER'S REPORT.

To Members P. S. of C:—

Since my last report our growth has been very rapid, even more so than the preceding month, for I am enabled to report the addition of eighty-two members to our roll. The complete list of members will be found elsewhere. We are now the most firmly established Philatelic Society on the continent and collectors are beginning to recognize the fact. Mr. Robertson is at present at work on the incorporation papers, and states he will have the necessary articles completed by December 1st. Especial thanks for their assistance in obtaining members during the past month are due Messrs. Hooper, Harding, Cant, Mooers, Hanson, Frazer, Bernstein and others. Let every member interest himself as the above members have done and steady growth will result. Let *all members* send in one list of applications. U. S. collectors at present derive but little benefit from the exchange department, but as soon as the roll of U.S. collectors passes the 100 mark an *Assistant Exchange* Superintendent will be appointed to take charge of all U.S. circuits. Let every U.S. collector who reads this join and thereby bring about the early completion of the above. To those who are not members, our advantages are many. Firstly, our Exchange Department will be second to none; secondly, we are under government regulations, thus securing joint protection; further, our members are protected against unscrupulous dealers and fraudulent collectors. We also put into operation next month the most perfect system of collecting accounts in existence. The President will appoint this officer before next month. Our list of nominations will be found elsewhere. Members are also requested to fill out the ballot found elsewhere and send it to me before Dec. 1st. Up to date I have received the dues of Nos. 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 22, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 44, 45, 47, 49, 51, 52, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 71, 72, 77, 81, 84, 85, 86, 94, 97, 98, 99, 100, 107, 108, 109, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 132, 133, 134, 135, 143, 146, 147, 148. Members may send dues any time between now and Dec. 31st, 1891. Hoping that our roll will continue to increase, and that a continued series of successes is before us.

Believe me, very truly yours in P. S. of C.,

L. M. STÆBLER, *Sec.-Treas.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To Members P. S. of C.:—

I have just been informed that I have been elected to the office of Librarian and I take this early opportunity of thanking the members, one and all, for the honor conferred

upon me. I am now prepared to enter upon the duties dependent upon me at once and shall be pleased to receive any donation that the members may be able to give to the library. I shall devote the necessary time to the proper arrangement of the magazines, etc., confided to my care. I am,

Respectfully yours,

H. S. DICKSON, *Librarian.*

ST. THOMAS, Oct. 28th, 1891.

The Editor Canadian Philatelist:

DEAR SIR,—I have been requested to allow myself to be nominated for Exchange Superintendent of the Philatelic Society of Canada. After some correspondence, and taking time to consider, I have consented to accept a nomination, but I think it only proper to state to the members the concessions I required as a *sine qua non* before allowing myself to be nominated. First, I insisted that the society should be incorporated. I have just had incorporated "The Elgin Historical Society,"—a society for advancing the study of the former history of this county, and have offered to carry through the incorporation of our society for nothing. I may, if elected, take first choice of *one* book on exchange as a return for my trouble, but no more, and I will not be grudged that I hope. Then I required to to be allowed to make the rules for the department myself, as I have found something lax in the various exchanges we have had. Shortly what I propose to insist on is a "sales" and an "exchange" department. If parties participate in the former it must be "*for cash*," and if they do not remit they may expect to be cancelled on all other circuits. In the exchange, they must neither expect to receive or pay cash, but exchange and take all credits that may be due them at end of any time *in stamps* from other exchange sheets. Again I will require an agreement in writing from each one to carry out the rules and remit. This will be to the company and can be realized on by the official collector. These agreements will require to be guaranteed by a responsible person in *every* case, as I will not make fish of the president and flesh of the members or vice versa. We find no one in banks or financial institutions (not even managers) but have to furnish bonds, and I am sure, as all the *good* members look for mutual protection, *they* will not object to give a guarantee, and I am certain that the only ones who will object will be those who will object intentionally or otherwise to pay any balance due from them for stamps taken. As to first choice of sheets, the constitution provides that six members shall constitute a circuit. I shall number the agreements as they come in. No. 1 will have first choice 1st circuit, No. 7 will have first choice 2nd circuit, and so on till the numbers are exhausted; then No. 2 will have first choice of 1 *a* circuit, No. 8 will have first choice of 2 *a* circuit, and so on. Again, if members wish to protect themselves against change of their stamps, they will have to put in ink under the stamp the country denomination or other distinguishing mark of the stamp in the space, and then a change can at once be detected. This will not entail much work and provide a great safeguard. It will be difficult just now for American members to participate in the exchange, owing to the customs duty; but if there are a few members in Detroit and Windsor, or Pt. Huron and Sarnia, it may be arranged. This is a short statement of what I propose if elected, and the members can vote for me if in favor of all my proposals and against me if not. They can rest assured I shall insist on the guarantee before they participate, no matter who they may be; so if I am elected no one need complain if I refuse to send to them without. It is only fair to those who place valuable stamps with the society that they should be protected as far as possible.

Yours truly, J. S. ROBERTSON.

ST. THOMAS, Nov. 12th, 1891.

The Editor Canadian Philatelist:

DEAR SIR,—Since my former letter to you, I have been informed that I am elected Exchange Superintendent, and I thank the members for their kindness in so electing me, and will be always ready to have suggestions from them as to the working of the department. Since writing my letter I have seen Mr. Stæbler, who draws my attention to the fact that it would be inconvenient to arrange any first in circuit ás they come in, as the first might be in British Columbia and the next in Nova Scotia, and suggests arranging according to Provinces as near as I can. This is an excellent suggestion and I shall follow same. I beg to advise the members that I have the papers almost ready for incorporation and by the 1st of December I hope to have the incorporation complete and be in a good way towards getting my department in running order.

Yours truly, J. S. ROBERTSON.

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EDITORIAL.

After our last number had gone to press, we found, to our chagrin, that the final proofs had not been corrected. This was not our fault, but the fault of the printer. It was the above that caused the few typographical errors that were so prominent in our last number. Another serious defect made itself apparent after our last number was folded and cut: that was, the leaves not being sewn, came apart. Our subscribers will find the above defect remedied this month.

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Many improvements will be introduced with our January number: a neat and artistically designed cover and engraved headings for the various departments of the paper. We are at present making arrangements with some of the most able writers to furnish us with some interesting Philatelic fiction, for there is nothing that makes a paper so welcome and readable as some original and spicy fiction from the pen of an able writer. With our January number we shall begin a very interesting serial story from the pen of one of the most able writers of Philatelic fiction of the present day. Short sketches and stories will also be introduced occasionally. We shall spare neither pains nor expense to make this journal the collectors' favorite, for it is for the *collectors'* benefit that it is published. Send in you subscription at once, as back numbers are very scarce and cannot be supplied at subscription rates. Nos. 1 and 2 are 5cents; No. 3, 10 cents.

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Our advertising patronage is gradually increasing and dealers are finding out that the *Canadian Philatelist* is a first-class advertising medium. The publisher himself being the principal advertiser, places every copy carefully, where it will bring the best returns. We send no copies to *dead* collectors, and to insure the protection of the many approval sheet dealers, who patronize our advertising columns, we exercise the greatest care to prevent any copies coming into the hands of frauds. The right is reserved to reject the ads. of any fraudulent dealer, or those dealing in counterfeits, and we retain the privilege to reject these advertisements without giving a reason for the same. The above precautions are taken to insure the proper and just protection of our subscribers and advertising patrons. We will always be pleased to investigate any charge of fraud, etc., made against any of our advertisers.

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We see by recent Ottawa papers that Mrs. Hooper, the wife of P. S. of C. president is seriously ill, necessitating her being taken to Florida for the winter. Her illness was further aggravated by the death of her two brothers some time ago. The death of her brothers also settles the dispute over her father's estate, which now passes over to Mrs. Hooper. The estate is a very large one and is worth many thousands of dollars. Mrs. Hooper is also an ardent stamp collector and the possessor of one of the finest collections in Ottawa. We extend our best wishes for her early recovery.

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Dealers, we make a specialty of the Wholesale Mixtures advertised on another page. To introduce them and to get *every* dealer to give them a trial, we will insert a 1 inch ad. free for every dealer who orders $3 worth or more of them. We make this offer for one month only, for, after the mixtures have been given a trial, they will sell on their own merits. *One trial solicited.*

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Special offers:—To those who have not, and wish to try an ad. in this paper, we will insert them a 1 inch ad. 12 times, or 2 inch ad 6 times, for $3 cash, in advance. This offer is only open until Dec. 31st, and only to those who send cash in advance.

NOMINATIONS.

The following are the only nominations received up to Nov. 5th, when the list was closed :—

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L. M. STÆBLER, London—*(Unanimous.)*

Librarian :

H. S. DICKSON, London, Can.—*(Unanimous.)*

Exchange Superintendent :

J. S. ROBERTSON, St. Thomas—*(Unanimous)*

Executive :

Messrs. BEATTY, CARY and AUBE, all of Ottawa, Can.—*(Unanimous.)*

The offices of Counterfeit Detector, Official Collector, Purchasing Agent, etc., will be filled next month.

Members will fill out their ballots for the following:

Vice-President, N.S.....
" " Man.....
" " U.S.....

I cast my vote in favor of the above candidates.
(Signed).
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P.S. of C., No.....

All votes must reach the Sec.-Treasurer before December 1st.

By order of the
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

TERMS—Half a cent per word each insertion, payable in advance. No exchange notice will be received for less than 10 cents. No display allowed.

JE de'sire immediatement correspondre avec collectionneurs d'outre-mer, relatif 'a l'e'change de cartes-postales enti'eres. Envoyez-moi une lot de 25 'a 50 de votre pays bien assorties et je vous retournerai un monebre e'zal et un assortiement tr'es bean du Canada. Les cartes-postales coupe'es et celles des E'tats-Unis et l'Angieterre ne sout pas de'sire'es. E'crire immediatement 'a L. M. Stæbler. (12)

AUCUN collectionneur d'outre-mer qui ne 'Euverra de 500 'a 1000 timbres de son pays, tres bien assorties recevra un assortiment e'gal et un nombre de timbres tr'es beaux du Canada. Je ne veux pas ceux de Belgique, des Pays, Bas, de la France, d'Autriche, d'Italie, d'Angleterre, d'Allemande, de'Denemark on de Su'ede. Je de'sire specialement ceux de l'Ame'rique du Sud. Recommander vos letties et employor les timbres des petites valeurs pour affranchir le port et je ferai le meme. Je desire aussi recevoir les prixcaurants et les citations des marchands d'outre-mer. Bounes consignations en gros sont de'sire'es contre argent empresse'. Puis offrer les timbres du Canada et des E'tats-Unis de toutes sortes, rares et communs en e'change. L. M. Stæbler, London, Ont., Canada. (12)

ONE hundred 1872 3c. U.S. for every stamp catalogued at or over 15 cents. Cigarette Albums to exchange for rare stamps. Hugo Kuenstler, 297 10th Ave., New York City.

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" 1882, 3c. red	.08	.05
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Nicaragua, 1869, 2c. blue	.05	.03
" 1869, 10c. vermilion	.10	.07
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" " " " 1890, 25, carm'e	.35	.25
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" 1882, 1 cent, blue	.03	.02
" 1883, 2 cent, claret	.05	.04
" 1882, 5 cent. brown	.10	.08
" 1887, 2 cent, green	—	.03
" 1887, 3 cent, vermilion	.08	.05
" 1888, 4 cent, carmine	.08	.06
" Special Delivery, 1888, 10c. blue	.15	.12
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" " 2 cent, vermilion	.10	.07
" Justice, 3 cent, purple	.20	.18
" P. O. Dept. 12 cent, black	.25	.18
" Navy, 1 cent	.25	.20
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AUSTRIA.—The latest hailing from here are the 20kr., olive, and 24kr., light-blue current type.

BORNEO.—The 10 cent current has been surcharged "6 cents" in black, in two lines.

CANADA.—We are enabled to inform our post-card collecting friends of a new treasure for their albums. On Dec. 7th a new die of the one cent blue post card came into use at the London Post Office. The die is similar to the die of the 1883 issue in that it has not the scroll-work around the numeral of value at the side. It differs from the 1883 issue in that instead of having a spear-like ornament above and below the figures at the side, it has a small star-like ornament above and below the numeral, but at some distance from the same. The above description is somewhat vague, but our readers have probably seen this variety before this, and understand the difference. We expect to give illustrations of the three different dies of post card as fully as allowed, in our next issue.

CURACAO.—The publishers of the *American Journal of Philately* are informed by the Postmaster of Curacao that the 50 cent stamps have not been surcharged 25 cents as reported last month.

CHAMBA.—*The Philatelic Record* chronicles the ½, 1, 2, 3 and 4 anna stamps which have A in STATE in a smaller letter than the rest of the surcharge, thus :—STATE.

FRENCH COLONIES.—On January 1st next there will be fourteen sets of stamps issued. These sets will differ only in the name of the Colony. They are similar to the current issue, as they have two seated figures representing commerce and navigation, at the top the words "République Française—Colonies Postes," at the bottom a label for the name of the Colony, above this a square for the value. Values are 50 cent, rose, and 75 cent, yellow. The fourteen colonies to be provided with stamps are as follows :—Congo Français; Diego Suauz et dépendances; Guadeloupe et dépendances; Nouvelle-Calédonia et dépendances; Senegal et dépendances; Guyane; Inde (Etablissements de l'); Indo-Chine; Martinique; Mayotte; Obock; Océanic (Etablissements de l'); Réunion; St. Pierre Miquelon.

FRENCH CONGO.—*Le Timbre Post* illustrates four new stamps for this place all engraved on wood, and printed, black on white, "Postes" above, "Congo Français" below. The 5 cent represents a branch of the banana (?), the 10 centa palm tree, the 15 cent a French (?) flag, the 25 cent the head of a negro.

GREAT BRITAIN—A contemporary says that there is a new die for the 1d. envelope, bearing on the neck the letters S. H.—Somerset House.

GUADELOUPE.—The current type is now surcharged "Guadeloupe" across the top in black. The *Philatelic World* mentions several errors in spelling, such as "Gnadeloupe," "Guadelonpe" "Guadbloupe."

HAWAII.—The envelopes are now engraved instead of being lithographed. A new 2 cent stamp has just been issued—effigy of Queen Lilinokalani; color purple.

INDIA.—The *Stamp News* states that the design of 6 annas is to be changed.

JHIND.—This country's set is found with the surcharged JEIND, most likely an error.

LUXEMBOURG.—We see by the *Philatelic World* that the new stamps have all been surcharged S. P., and are for the use of the sovereign only.

MADAGASCAR.—The 1 fr. is black on yellow, the 5 frs. violet on white. Both of above stamps have a red network.

MAURITIUS.—The 38 cents has been surcharged "Two Cents" in capital letters across the lower part of the stamp. 33,000 have been issued.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—It is reported that 150 sheets (18,000 stamps) of the 3d have been printed on paper watermarked "90." The current 8d., lake, has been surcharged "O. S." in black. So says the *Philatelic Era.*

PAHANG.—The 8 cent is announced with a surcharge for this place.

PUERTO RICO.—The 5 cent is now found in a new shade of green.

PARAGUAY.—*Le Timbre Poste* gives illustrations of the new letter cards, 2 cent red on yellow and 3 cent blue on yellow. They have the current stamp in the upper right hand corner, and are inscribed "Republica del Paraguay—Carta Targeta Postal."

PORTUGAL —A new series is at present being prepared—effigy of King Carlos. The 500 and 1000 reis are each to be printed in two colors.

SURINAM.—The *Ph. Record* chronicles a 10 cent unpaid letter type of current type. The figures being only 4½ min. high instead of 7 min. Bright lilac.

URUGUAY.—*The Philatelic World* says :—The 8th stamp of the 3rd, horizontal row of the 5 cent has "1391" for 1891.

UNITED STATES.—What has become of the new post cards? Our American contemporaries stated that they were in the large Post Offices over two months ago.

THE CANADIAN STAMP CATALOGUE.

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NOVA SCOTIA.

Issue, 1860.—A change in the currency caused a new issue for this Province in early part of 1860. The set consisted of five values: one, five, eight-and-one-half, ten, and twelve-and-one-half cent. The one cent and five cent were of like design, having head of Queen Victoria to left in circle. The other three values were very similar in design, but had a full-face portrait of the Queen. For colors, see reference list.

Issue, 1862.—In this year, the want of a two-cent stamp became apparent, and to fill it a two-cent stamp was issued, color mauve, and of the same design as the one cent of the 1860 issue. The stamps of Nova Scotia are found in an immense variety of shades, and as a result furnish material for the most strict specialist. The three pence blue and five cent blue are both found on two varieties of paper, blue and white.

Counterfeits.—Counterfeits of the cent issue were put into circulation about five years after the issue went out of use, but so poor are these imitations that no one with any knowledge of the stamps would be apt to be deceived by them. For the benefit of the beginner and young collector, we give the main points of difference between the genuine and the counterfeit.

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The Genuine is most beautifully engraved in *taille-douce*, more than one-half of the lower part of ear being plainly visible; the central passage is especially marked for its distinctness. There is no pupil to the eye; the head stands out well from the background; the nose is aquiline; the face has a sleepy but good-natured expression. Only one pearl of the tiara is visible, and that is barely seen above the hair. The genuine is Perf. 12.

The Forgery is very poorly lithographed; only the lobe of the ear is visible; the head is flat, and does not stand out from the background; has a dark outline to the profile of the nose, mouth and forehead, which is not seen in the genuine; the eye has a pupil; the expression of the face is strong, and the outline of the nose is *straight*. All the pearls of the tiara are equally visible, but not very distinct. The forgery is perforated 12½.

10 AND 12½ CENT.

The Genuine is beautifully engraved in *taille douce*. The eyes are small, with a distinct pupil; the eyebrows are light, especially at the outer corners; the hair is dark and regular; the genuine perforated 12.

The Forgery is very poorly lithographed. Very large dark staring eyes, with a dark iris, but no pupil is visible; the eyebrows are equally dark all over, and they meet over the nose; the hair has patches of light all over it; the forgery is perforated 12½.

We occasionally come across one of the forgeries, but they are easily distinguished with but little examination. It is a good example of the inability of forgers to imitate the steel and copperplate engraving with lithographs.

Reference List.

NOVA SCOTIA POSTAGE.

Unperforated.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.
179	1851	3 pence	blue on blue paper
180	1851	3 pence	blue on white paper
181	1851	6 pence	light green
182	1851	6 pence	dark green
183	1851	1 shilling	violet
184	1851	1 penny	red-brown

PROVISIONAL.

185	6 pence, cut diagonally and used for 3 pence.
186	1 shilling, cut diagonally and used for 6 pence.

Perforated.

187	1860	1 cent	black
188	1860	5 cent	blue blueish paper
189	1860	5 cent	blue-white paper
190	1860	8½ cent	green
191	1860	10 cent	vermilion
192	1860	12½ cent	black
193	1863	2 cent	mauve

PROVISIONAL.

194 10 cent vermilion cut diagonally and used for 5c.

(To be continued.)

Written for the Canadian Philatelist.

WHY ARE WE PHILATELISTS?

BY J. C.

Several times during the last year have I intended to put together a few thoughts in answer to the above question, so far with no result, but the enthusiasm which seems to have been evoked by the formation of the Philatelic Society of Canada has roused me to give a leaf from my own experience, hoping others may do the same, as we al ways enjoy these personal references instead of dry generalities.

Some people sneer at the stamp collector, and we perhaps hear the word "crank" bandied about; but have those who so sneer ever summed up the benefits gained by this fascinating pursuit? Being only a mere tyro in the art, no doubt I shall omit many of these; but methinks, novice as I am, I could sum up a respectable array of reasons *pro*, let others take the more ungrateful task of collecting the *cons*. And first, the knowledge gained in different subjects—in history first. The stamps, for instance, of such countries as France and Spain, with the alternations of Republic, Empire, Kingdom, Carlist, War Stamps, with the varieties of heads, when contrasted with our own British Stamps during the fifty years that stamps have been used, the serene face of Victorias, "beloved, revered," and our own familiar three cent stamp since Confederation, and all the varieties of beaver, ship, seal, codfish, with the different values in cents and pence, form an interesting page of history. Then, in Geography, shall I confess that since commencing in earnest this pursuit I have gained some definite knowledge as to the topography of several countries. I was much struck lately with the interest shown in this subject by a bright boy, one who had never been specially interested in geography. A few months as a stamp collector seemed to give him more knowledge of the islands, etc., of the world than his years of geographical training. Then a knowledge of the coins used in each country is soon gained, and the names of the sovereigns past and present.

Then what a gain is the training of the powers of observation. How blind we are to what we take no interest in! How readily we see what we are looking for! This is as true in the case of the philatelist as the botanist or the astronomer. Ask anyone with no knowledge of stamps to tell the difference between a perforated and unperforated or watermarked stamp, and the answer will be: "There is no difference; they are exactly the same." Then the gathering, arranging, classifying, placing neatly and systematically, is a valuable training.

And is it not well to see a boy or girl take an eager interest in some pursuit? Is it not better than the sensational novel, or the soul-killing daily papers, or the dawdling in drawing-rooms, or attempts to kill time we sometimes see? We would not urge the giving up one's time to the neglect of known duty, but many an hour otherwise perhaps wasted can be pleasantly and profitably spent in this pursuit, and the exhibition of the collection to friends often gives much pleasure and information. I had intended to keep out all reference to the money value, but the question of dollars and cents will come up, and postage stamps are like diamonds, always rising in value, if not to such an extent, yet sometimes with leaps and bounds.

In this respect, take my own small collection. Twenty-five years ago I collected a few on a page of my scrap-book, but no additions were made for some time. Then a young lad (now a distinguished barrister of Toronto, after gaining high honors in the University) gave me or exchanged with me a number of stamps. I wonder what became of his collection, or if, while laboring at a brief, he ever thinks of those British Columbia's I sent him, which now so many would like to have. With what a lavish hand did I distribute to friends those British Columbia and Vancouver Island stamps! so that when, after twenty years, my interest in them was again, by a mere accident, revived, my time and thoughts having been given to pursuits educational, horticultural, literary, social, botanical. Now, on recurring to pursuits philatelic, I could find on my old B. C. letters but few of these stamps now become so valuable.

I have been greatly amused and interested in the attempts I have made to obtain assistance from friends to find how different is the fate of letters in different houses. Some stately mansions contain not a single old letter; some lowly cots may hold treasures of this kind. Some people burn their letters as soon as read; others keep the letters, but burn the envelopes. Of all the friends I asked I found only one who, like myself, had kept old letters—in the one case, a trunk-full, and in the other, a bag-full in the garret yielded up a few

treasures. How tantalizing, when turning over letters that we know are old, to find the word "Paid" in all varieties of writing and printing, instead of the stamp for which we are so anxiously looking. Another tantalizing thing which occurred to me was, that when I found my B.C. stamps were so scarce, I wrote to a relative who I knew must have as many almost as I of those precious letters, I was told that they had all been burnt a sh rt time previously.

Of two stamps in my collection, I have made several futile attempts to find the value, and if any reader of this article can help me in this matter I shall be greatly obliged. They are New Zealand 2d. and 6d., and were obtained from a friend some time between '62 and '65, and by catalogue may be worth $2 and $10 respectively, or 5 cts. and 8 cts. When Scott's new catalogue arrived, I thought the matter was settled by the number of perforations, but I am as much in the dark as ever, as, though not heavily blurred by ink, they have the appearance common to much-travelled stamps of having been carried in the pocket for days, and watermarks, if present, are not visible. This 52nd catalogue raises one of my stamps very much in value; the 3d. beaver, fourteen perforations, is now valued at $25 by a bound; and this stamp, which I obtained I know not how—perhaps from my quondam legal friend—is now on that page the cynosure of all admiring philatelic eyes.

OUR SISTER SOCIETIES.

[We desire the Secretaries of all Societies to send us *brief* reports of their meetings each month, and such will be published free, and we trust that Societies will not be slow in taking advantage of this privilege.]

The Algona City Philatelic Society is one of the leading local societies in the United States, its headquarters being at San Antonia, Texas. Meetings are held every Friday. Secretary, Ed. W. Hensinger.

The stamp collectors of Michigan have just formed an active organization under the name of the Michigan Philatelic Society. If they have *The Philatelic Hustler* (?) as their official organ, their progress will not be great, as the paper would be a disgrace to the worst society in existence.

The A. P. A.—Eight more resignations for December! This is a miserable showing for an organization which claims to be the leading in America. If the members do not bestir themselves at once they will find their large society dwindling down to a mere nothing. The incorporation papers of this society are being rapidly carried through, and will be completed before many days. We sincerely hope to see our big sister society take a turn for the better ere many months elapse.

The Sons of Philatelia is progressing finely. They have already over 100 members, and have only been organized 10 months. Our second annual election will be held on January 1st, 1892. All officers are elective, and every member is entitled to vote. Any honest philatelist, in the United States, Canada or Mexico, can join. Initiation fee, 5c. Dues only 25c. per year, including a year's subscription to our official organ. If you wish to join send your initiation fee to R. M. Miller, Secretary, New Chester, Adams Co., Pa., U. S. A., and receive an application blank, etc., by return mail.

The *United Philatelic Association* has just been organized. Object:—Advancement of a mutual correspondence between Philatelists, and to aid the increase of their respective collections. Any dealer or collector may become a member of the association by applying to the Secretary, who will first require of him (or her) his initiation fee of ten cents, and at least two references signed in their own hand writing. Dues 50 cents per year. Arrangements are now being made for an official organ. Samuel S. Atwood, 35 N. 9th-st., Philadelphia, Pa., is the Secretary, to whom all communications in regard to the above should be addressed.

The 125th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was called to order on Nov. 19th, by Pres. Wolsieffer, 13 members present. A report from ex-auctioneer Bradt, covering the entire period of his services as auctioneer was submitted; also a list of debtors to the Chicago Philatelic Society Ex. Department, with amounts of indebtedness. Librarian A. S. Pierce reported a bulky donation to the library by Mr. Bradt, for which the Society's thanks were tendered. Mr. A. S. Pierce was instructed to make an offer, approved by the Society, to the publishers of the St. Louis, Mo., *Stamp Collectors' Companion* for same to become Society's official organ. Mr. Hosmer spoke of matters in connection with the auction department. Mr. C. I. Sturgis, of Chicago, was elected to active membership. Adjournment at 10.25 p.m.

C. E. SEVERN,
Secretary.

LITERARY NOTES.

The following publications have been received with thanks :—*Eastern Philatelist, One Dime, Philatelic Record, Stamp News, Spy Glass, Stamp World, Philatelic Tribune, Philatelic World, New Hampshire Philatelist, The Collector, Philatelic Monthly, Chicago Stamp News, American Philatelist and Collector, Skandinavisk Frimærke Tindende, The Worcester County Philatelist, Philatelic Fraud Reporter, Philatelic Era, Collectors' Stamp Journal, Philatelic Hustler, Ohio Philatelist, Empire State Exchange, The Monitor.*

We have received October number of the *Ohio Philatelist.* First time it has visited our sanctum, but we shall be pleased to see it often.

We regret to announce that the *North American Philatelist* has succumbed. Cause of death not at present known; probably starvation is the cause.

We have received the auction catalogues of the S. B. Bradt Co., of Chicago, Messrs R. R. Bogert Co., and Duncan S. Wylie Co., both of New York. Accept thanks for the same.

Among our new exchanges are the *Empire State Exchange* in its third volume, and published by Perrin Bros., Eden Valley, N. Y. Also *The Monitor*, hailing from Cincinnati, and contains a little philatelic matter.

The *New Hampshire Philatelist* still continues to come to hand as regular as clockwork, but is still very small. However we are led to believe, according to the last number, that we may expect an enlargement at an early date.

The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* for October has been received. This paper is just what is needed, but it is the general opinion that if Bro. Green would expend a little more cash, and have better paper used, he would be amply repaid.

The little *Philatelic World* still appears each month to comfort the waiting philatelic public with its Chronicle, editorial in abundance (?), and a few prices. It is among the oldest of our contemporaries, now being in its ninth volume. It is published by Messrs. R. R. Bogert and Co., New York. Subscription 25 cents per year.

The Collector for December has just been received, full of *Sons of Philately* matter, in fact nothing else of interest is contained. We are pleased to see our small contemporary's recent enlargement and determination to push ahead. Success Bro. Miller.

The *Philatelic Tribune* for December has just come to hand. One of its special features is being "best advertising medium in the world," which fact the publisher takes a most *liberal* advantage of. This paper is now in its eleventh volume, and is published by Mr. F. J. Stanton, of Smyrna, N. Y.

We have just received a copy of *The Philatelic Hustler*, published by C. J. Van Valkensburg, of Manchester, Mich. It is poor in every respect—poor paper, poor style, poor matter. We had often heard of American slang, but we never knew the meaning of the word before we received this nonsensical sheet. Unless the publisher can improve, he should by all means retire.

Our *very* esteemed contemporary the *Brooklyn Philatelist* is of the opinion that there are two *Canadian Philatelists* at present published in Canada. First we heard of it! There is, as we believe, a *Dominion Philatelist* published in Canada, but its publisher has not favored us with a copy for some time; if he has not ceased its publication, he must be ashamed of his paper, or he would have paid some attention to our exchanges. Can't you exchange, Bro. Ketcheson?

The *Philatelic Era* for November is of unusual interest, consisting of a well conducted Chronicle, an article on "The Artistic Side of Philately" has some literary merit; but we hardly agree with the author in his suggestion to let "Seebeck control the world of stamp issues." A little article on "What They are Doing" gives an interesting account of the various vocations of our leading philatelists. We are also pleased to see Bro. Jewett intends increasing his subscription. All publishers should follow. The prices of the leading Philatelic papers are far below what they should be, and we strongly advocate a union of the principal publishers to make a general increase in their subscription rates. We should be more than pleased to receive communications from our brother publishers in regard to the establishment of such a union.

The Philatelic Society of Canada.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Members of The Philatelic Society of Canada:

The past month has been one of great activity in our ranks. We have been busy with our incorporation, and have just completed our labors, thanks to the earnest endeavors of Mr. Robertson. Our ranks have been consolidated, and we are better equipped and prepared to advance the science of Philately than any other society on the continent. The exchange department will soon be in operation, and nothing will be left undone to make our national society one which Canadian collectors cannot afford not to be a member of.

The close of the elections has resulted as follows:

For Vice-President of Nova Scotia—A. B. S. DeWolf, Halifax.

For Vice-President of United States—H. C. Beardsley, St. Joseph, Mo.

For Vice-President of Manitoba—C. A. Allen, Winnipeg, Man.

The following officers have also been appointed and will resume their duties as such immediately:

Vice-President of Newfoundland and P. E. Island—Ed. J. H. Pauley, Halifax.

Purchasing Agent—Wm. Hirsh, New York.

Counterfeit Detector—R. F. McRae, Montreal, Q.

Assistant Purchasing Agent—E. W. Stanton, Montreal, Q.

Mr. Pauley will materially aid in extending our usefulness in Newfoundland and P.E.I., while Mr. Hirsh will attend New York auctions to purchase for members as well as buy new issues, etc., as required.

It is earnestly hoped that all officers will send in a short report to the Secretary each month. All matter referring to the conduct of members of this or any other society, or matters pertaining to the management of the society, should be addressed to the Chairman of the Executive, Mr. W. J. Beatty, P.O.D., Ottawa, Ont.

I have formed the British Columbia Philatelic Association, with headquarters at Kamloops, and have granted them a charter as Branch No. 10 of our National Society. I have already granted permission to form a branch in Oxford County, Ont., as well as one for the Niagara District. Collectors living in those sections will benefit greatly by this.

Branches Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7 and 10 report increases in their local membership. All branches should send names of their Exchange Manager (who will also act as local president) as well as their Secretary's address to Mr. Stæbler at once.

Members should endeavor to secure at least one new member each, and send their names in before January 15th. Do not look on and see a few working, but ask every Canadian collector if he can afford to be without our assistance. We will secure every reliable collector in Canada.

Wishing every individual member a right merry Christmas and a very happy New Year, I remain yours faithfully,

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To Members P. S. of C.:—

Since my last report, I have received several parcels of papers, etc., for the library. Members having old Philatelic papers useless to themselves, will find that the best thing is to donate to the library, where they will be taken care of and put to a good use. I have received the following:

From Mr. J. R. Hooper, (No. 1) Ottawa:

The Evening Herald	Vol. 2	No. 251
The Telegram	3	227
The Colonial Standard	–	—
American Philatelist and Collector	1	5, 7
The Essex County Philatelist	2	10, 12
The North American Philatelist	1	7
The New Hamshire Philatelist	1	9
The Collector	2	2
The Missouri Philatelist	1	2
The Curio	7	6
Philatelic Tribune	2	3
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From Mr. C. Young. (No 88) Philadelphia:

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The above papers are on file, and any members can have any one that he may wish to examine, on sending 1 cent per paper for postage, and promising to return same within 3 days. I must insist on having papers returned promptly, and also that they are kept clean. Wishing all the members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

To Members P. S. of C.:—

The past month has by no means been an idle one in our ranks, for our members have been working hard to advance the interests of "Our National Society." As can be seen by our membership list, a gain of 56 members has been made during the past month, and that at present we have two hundred and eleven members on our roll. We *must* reach the 300 mark before January 15th, and to this end I ask the aid of every individual member of the association, and request *each* to make an *effort* to add one or more names to our roll. Our dues are low, viz: 25c. per year, and the official organ is sent free to all. Since my last report I have received the dues of Nos. 5, 9, 23, 70, 80, 90, 159, 160, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 46, 168, 144, 172, 173, 177, 182, 175, 149, 150, 189, 113, 42, 151, 101, 110, 192, 193, 195, 196, 145, 73. The dues are payable at any time before Dec. 31st. To all I extend the best greetings of the season—a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am, yours,

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EDITORIAL.

We wish our readers, one and all, a right Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, and we trust that in their merry-making they will not forget PHILATELY.

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We herewith present ourselves before our readers in new attire, viz :—a cover, which feature we feel sure will be appreciated by our readers, one and all. During the past few months the paper has been full of our own advts., and this interfered greatly with the standard of the paper. As will be seen, we confine our advertisements in a large measure to the cover this month, which increases the proportion of reading matter to a large degree. In course of a month or so we shall be enabled to cut down our advertisements to a page or so—that is, when our new lists are issued.

One of our correspondents takes the trouble to inform us that this magazine has an unlucky name, and that we are the fifth "*Canadian Philatelist*" published in Canada, one at Quebec, one at Whitby, one at Toronto and one at Niagara Falls. At the time our first number was issued we were not aware of this fact, or we might have named this paper otherwise. It is now, however, too late, and we take this opportunity of informing our valued correspondent that we have no intention whatever of following in the wake of our predecessors, and further we are here to *stay*, and to this and other parties we say, no risk whatever is run by placing your subscription with us, as we guarantee to fill them all or refund amount paid. We further urge all collectors to subscribe at once, as before long our subscription price, as well as that of all other first-class journals, will be advanced to $1.00.

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The Philatelic Protective Association, of 8 Gower street, London, W. C., have just issued their circular No. 3 in relation to new forgeries, and collectors are warned against the following forgeries ;—*Hanover*—10 gr. green, made from the 2 gr., and heavily postmarked over the value. *South Australia*—3d. on 4d. with the black surcharge changed to red ; 4d., old type, with the star mark obliterated and cr. and S. A. stamped in its place. *Trinidad.*—1851. Without value ; the red, purple-brown and blue stamps made from the Mauritius stamps of similar type. *Great Britain.*—Unperforated 1d., marked small crown, changed to the 1d. bluish black. The committee of experts of the Philatelic Protective Association shall be pleased to report upon any specimens of the above, provided that such stamps are sent to the Secretary with sufficient postage for reply.

CHAS. J PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

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While speaking of forgeries, we desire to call the attention of our readers to something going on nearer home. There is a town in New York State called Greene, and from this place come thousands of forged stamps ; not an ordinary forgery, but *U. S. unperforated revenues* and genuine (?) and issue 1872, Grilles of the U.S. The firm in question have of late been filling the market with U. S. unperforated revenues, which are nothing more or less than perforated ones with clipped perforations. In fact, in a lot sent us we found some with the remains of perforations left on. Every dealer and collector in our vicinity has received a *choice* consignment of this trash. These parties will place *a pair* of the genuine unperforated stamps on a sheet, together with a host of the forgeries, and offer them at such a low (?) price that many collectors have purchased this great bargain. (?) We warn our readers, one and all, against this firm, and no one should purchase these

revenues except from some reliable dealer. In regard to the Grilles, we would merely mention that they are very poor imitations, being made by a sharp instrument of some kind, and composed of a number of lines crossing each other at right angles.

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The growth of the P. S. of C. has astounded outside societies. In the history of Philately no society has made such rapid growth—an average increase of 75 members per month since its organization, and still no sign of a slack of the interest taken in it by outsiders. Philatelists all over the continent are recognizing the fact that unless they are members of *Canada's great Society* they are behind the times. Our advantages are many and our dues are small. Other societies charge their members heavy dues, and what benefit do they get from it? None whatever! it is used in an endless variety of ways, none of which benefit the collector, and therefore it is money wasted to join such organizations. The dues to the P. S. of C. are but 25 cents per annum, and many real benefits are derived from this small investment. Our exchange, purchasing and collecting departments are the best in existence. All matters are attended to in a bussness-like manner, and all the officers are in earnest, and spare no time nor expense for the advancement of the National Society. Our incorporation papers are already carried through, and the seal of the judge has just been placed on the papers, making us the most firmly established collectors' society in America.

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We join our brother publishers in strongly advocating a united advance in the subscription price of first-class philatelic magazines. Such a move must come, sooner or later, and the sooner the project is completed the better. It is better for the collectors to support one good paper, at a reasonable rate, than to have a half a dozen worthless papers at the same price. Now, no active and true Philatelist would surely refuse to pay $1.00 or even $2.00 for a first-class magazine. If publishers got reasonable prices like the above, it would greatly improve the class, size and matter of our stamp journals. Publishers could afford to have better matter, etc., and in the end the collector would be getting more for his money than at present. Further, there is but one solid and feasible plan for the proper completion of the above, and that is: that all publishers of *first-class* magazines (none of these small aspirants) shall form a *Philatelic Press Association* for the control of the above. It is also important that only A 1 magazines be admitted. Other matters of great importance to the publishers could also be controlled by the association, such as:—The protection against advertising frauds, and the prosecution of the same. Further, a register of first-class authors may be kept; this may furnish some material aid to editors in the selection of MSS., as no second-class authors whatever will be admitted to the register. Any magazines outside of the association will have small chances of success. This fact, we believe, will tend to discourage the multitude of small, useless papers published by every famous (?) collector in the country. We should like to see this matter pushed through at once, and with that object in view we desire to enter into correspondence at once with the editors of the *Philatelic Journal of America*, *American Journal of Philately*, *Metropolitan Philatelist*, *Philatelic Era*, *Eastern Philatelist*, *Dominion Philatelist*, *Southern Philatelist* and the *Brooklyn Philatelist*. No time should be lost, and if possible we should like to see this plan completed before the 1st of February, 1892.

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The movement to secure the abolishment of "The duty on Stamps" seems to have fallen through, for a certain large St. Louis firm, who had charge of the same, have not of late mentioned the fact, and we presume that they have given it up because of the difficulties presented by the same. We trust it is not dropped for good.

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Our wholesale list, which was promised to be issued for December, has been delayed owing to a heavy rush of Xmas trade at our printer's. Now, however, work will be begun on same at once, and we expect to be able to place it in the hands of wholesale patrons before January 15th.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES.

Our foreign and domestic correspondents are respectfully requested to send us specimens of, or information relative to, any new issues or discoveries that may chance to come under their notice. Such information will be duly appreciated, and proper credit given the donor. As it is our intention to make this department one of the best of its kind, we ask the aid of every individual correspondent to that end.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—*The Philatelic Monthly and World* is authority for the statement that there are three distinct types of the 1 cent brown of 1884. The differences consist mainly in the lined groundwork.

AUSTRIA.—The new 20 kr., olive green (with original figures omitted in the lower corners) has been surcharged "2 PIASTER 2." The new 50 kr. violet has also been similarly surcharged "5 PIASTER 5."

BAVARIA.—The 5 Pf. green card now comes to hand with the date "91" and watermarked, waved vertical lines.

BRAZIL.—The 80 reis letter card is now red on rose.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—A contemporary states that the 1d. is now printed in green and surcharged "1 CENT" in black. It seems as if Seebeck has a hold on this republic as well as the other minor Central American States. We are about disgusted with the constant array of surcharges coming from this place.

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FRENCH CONGO.—We are pleased to hear that the four unsightly wood-blocks chronicled by us in a recent number have turned out to be fraudulent.

FIJI.—*La Revue Philatelique* mentions a 4d. without surcharge of type, similar to the new 2½d.: 1891, 4d., lilac.

ITALY.—The 5 cent stamp now has the inscription in colored letters and the arms on horizontal lined ground.

MARTINIQUE.—The 20 cent unpaid letter stamp is in use at present for the prepayment of letters, being surcharged "Poste," and the new value "15 cent" in black. It would be a relief to stamp collectors if these worthless little colonies would quit this almost ceaseless array of surcharges. [Made to order on short notice!]

MEXICO.—The C. H. Mekeel Co., of St. Louis, have several sheets of different values of the current issue watermarked: CORREOS. E. U. M.

MOZAMBIQUE.—A royal decree changes the name of this province to "The Free State of East Africa;" we may therefore expect new stamps.

MONTENEGRO.—The 1 Nov. is now printed in rose and per. 12½.

NOSSI-BE.—Four new unpaid letter stamps have been issued by surcharging the ordinary stamps.—The value in figures is in the centre, "Nossi-Be" above, and "a Percevoir" below; value, 5 on 20c.; 10 on 15c.; 15 on 10c.: 25 on 5c. Next!

ORANGE FREE STATE.—*Le Timbre Poste* mentions a provisional postcard: 1891, ½d. on 1d., orange on white. This State has also, it seems, caught the surcharge fever.

PERAK.—Three new Tiger stamps are announced, similar to those of Pahang.

SURINAM.—*The Post Office* states that they have seen a new unpaid letter stamp from this place: 1891, 10 cent, gray, lilac and black.

SIAM.—A new 1 cent stamp was issued a short time ago: 1 cent, light green.

SWEDEN.—Two new values of the new current type, with head: 30 on brown and 50 on gray.

UNITED STATES.—We thank Mr. W. F. Leggett, of Brooklyn, who was the first to forward us unused copies of the new cards. We do not describe them, as we suppose all collectors will have seen them before this number is issued.

DECLARATION OF INCORPORATION

—OF THE—

Philatelic Society of Canada.

Under Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1887, Chapter 172.

The undersigned declare that they intend to be incorporated under the provisions of the said Act as an Incorporated Society.

NAME.

1. The name of the said Society shall be "The Philatelic Society of Canada," Incorporated.

PURPOSES.

5. The purpose of the said society shall be to further the advancement of Postage and Revenue stamp Collecting; to protect collectors of such stamps from frauds of all kinds in the exchange or sale of such stamps; to expose to collectors of such stamps dealers in counterfeit stamps; and to afford members an opportunity to exchange their stamps with one another and to perpetuate the postal history of the Dominion of Canada and other countries.

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS.

3. There shall be eight trustees of the said Society, and the names of the first Trustees thereof are as follows:—J. R. Hooper, W. J. Beatty, G. T. Cary and Joseph Aube, of the City of Ottawa, in the County of Carleton; L. M. Stæbler and H. Dickson, of the City of London, in the County of Middlesex; W. McMahon of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, and J. S. Robertson, of the City of St. Thomas, in the County of Elgin.

4. The officers of the said Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President for Ontario, Secretary-Treasurer, Exchange Superintendent, Librarian and an Executive Council; three of such Officers shall be the Trustees of the Society and shall take seniority as above named. No member of the executive Council shall hold any other office.

Retiring Trustees shall be eligible for re-election.

5. The Trustees named in clause Three hereof shall hold the following offices in the said Society, until the close of the first annual meeting of the Society, or till their successors be appointed.

President—John R. Hooper; Vice President for Ontario—W. McMahon; Secretary Treasurer—L. M. Stæbler; Exchange Superintendent—J. S. Robertson; Librarian—H. Dickson; Executive Council—Joseph Aube, W. J. Beatty, G. T. Cary.

6. Trustees shall be elected annually at the Meeting of the Society from among the members thereof over the age of twenty-one years, and shall hold the respective offices they are elected to fill till the close of the next annual meeting or till their successors be appointed.

7. The duties and powers of the several officers shall be defined by the By-Laws of the Society.

8. The honorary officers of the Society shall be a Vice-President for each of the Provinces of Canada, (except Ontario) and for the United States, and such other officers as may be created by the Society; these shall be appointed by the Executive Council, their duties and powers shall be defined by the By-Laws.

9. The votes of the majority of the Executive Council shall in all cases decide a matter in which they have power to act.

10. In case of the resignation or the death of any Trustee or officer the Executive Council (or in case one or more of them should resign or die then the survivor or survivors and the President) shall forthwith appoint a successor to such trustee or officer to fill his unexpired term or office and have all his rights and privileges.

11. An officer or trustee may be removed from his office by the Executive Council, for being negligent of his duties or unfaithful to the Society in manner provided in the By-Laws.

OFFICIAL ORGAN.

12. There shall be an official organ of the Society, in which proceedings of the Society, reports of officers and general business of the society shall be published. The Executive Council shall from time to time have the right, unless hereafter taken from them by By-Law of the Society, to name some newspaper or publication to be the official organ of the Society, and make all arrangements for remuneration thereof, and until they name one, THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, published at London by L. M. Stæbler shall be the official organ of the Society.

MEMBERS.

13. Persons of either sex may become members of the said Society on the following proceedings being taken, or such proceedings as may be by By-Law hereafter substituted therefor.

(A) They shall apply in writing signed by themselves before a witness, and having their application signed by the members of the Society as references, in which application they shall agree to abide by and submit to the constitution and the By-Laws from time to time passed by the Society, and pay all dues and charges from time to time imposed by the By-Laws of the Society.

(B) Such application shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, who will cause the name of the applicant to be published in the issue of the official organ published first after the receipt by him of such application.

(C) If no member sends in an objection to the said Secretary-Treasurer to said applicant becoming a member of the Society within thirty days from the issue of said official organ, the said applicant shall thereupon become a member of the Society. If any one shall object, the Secretary-Treasurer shall refer the matter to the Executive Council, who shall take such action in the premises as may be provided for in the By-Laws.

(D) They shall pay all fees or dues that may be fixed by By-Law.

(E) Members in good standing may resign in manner to be provided in By-Laws.

(F) The Executive Council shall have power to expel any member in manner to be provided in By-Laws.

14. As numerous persons have already applied to be members of The Philatelic Society of Canada, before the incorporation thereof was undertaken and have already furnished their names to L. M. Stæbler, the Secretary-Treasurer of the said Society, and published them in The Canadian Philatelist, the said names shall be published again (after the incorporation if completed) in the official organ, and numbered in the order they are published, and no objection being made as heretobefore provided, they shall become members thereof. If objection is made, the Secretary-Treasurer shall proceed as in section 11, sub-section C.

MEMBERS AND POWERS OF TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS.

15. The general meeting of the Society shall be held at the City of St. Thomas, in the County of Elgin, on the second Tuesday in September of each year, and may be adjourned from time to time.

16. At the meeting of the Society, only the Trustee or the time being, or persons holding proxies m

them shall be entitled to vote or to be present without leave of the said Trustees.

17. At the annual meeting of the Society, the Trustees shall only have power to elect such officers, transact such business, and make such By-Laws as the members shall at their previous meeting have designated or approved of, in case there has been such a meeting held. If a mail vote shall be pending, the meeting shall adjourn from time to time till the result thereof is certified to the President, or any two other Trustees.

18. The members of the Society may meet annually before September 1st, at any time and place they may decide at the preceding meeting, except the meeting of such members that may be held before the second Tuesday in September, 1892, which shall be held at such time and place as the Executive Council may decide and give notice of in the official organ. If the meetings of members be held at the City of St. Thomas at any time, the same may be held at the same time and place as the annual meeting of the Society is held at.

19. At the meeting of the members, all members present in person or by proxy shall have power to vote provided they are in good standing under the By-Laws of the Society.

20. No official member shall at a meeting of members hold more than ten proxies ; should any official member hold more than that number, then he shall forthwith assign the number he holds over ten to the President or to the next lower officer, who has not his full limit, and so on in the order of the seniority given in the fifth clause hereof, the seniority of the members of the Executive Council to be determined alphabetically, and if the trustees shall have as many as ten each then the member or members shall assign to the other members according to their seniority which shall be determined by the numbering of the members in the Society, the officers and members to be taken in rotation according to their seniority, and placing the proxies with the senior officer or member who has not the full number allowed to him. In voting proxies, any special instruction with the proxies shall be followed ; but if assigned, then the holders for the time being shall, subject to such instruction, vote then without regard to any instructions from the person who has assigned them to him.

21. At the meeting of members they shall have the power to give directions to the Trustees how to act at the meeting of the Society in all matters, both to the election of officers, change and alterations of By-Laws and the general work of the Society, all which directions shall be binding on the Trustees except the same are varied as under section 20, sub-section D hereof. The officers shall at such meetings give a report of their work, and the general business of the Society shall be gone into and directions in regard thereto given to the Trustees, to regulate their action at the general meeting of the Society.

BY-LAWS.

22. The Society shall have power, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, to make By-Laws for the government of its members, regulating their rights and duties to each other and the Society, the duties and powers of officers, the creation of new offices, the mode of electing officers thereto, the limitations of membership and class of members to be admitted and generally to pass all By-Laws that may deem necessary for the management, direction, proper working and good government of the Society.

(B) The Executive Council shall forthwith, subject to approval of the President, make such By-Laws for the Society, which shall continue in force till the annual meeting of the Society held after January 1st, 1892, at which the same may be approved or altered subject to the provisions of section 15.

(C) The By-Laws as then passed shall be published in the official organ, and shall in no case be changed or added to, unless notice of the proposed change or addition be given in the issue of the official organ, published thirty days before the date of the annual member's meeting, or unless the members present unanimously consent thereto.

(D) In the latter case the Society shall not pass the same, until the proposed change or addition has been published in the official organ and no protest against the Society enacting the same from any ten members has been received by the Secretary-Treasurer within fifteen days from the issue of the official organ. If such a protest is made, then the Secretary-Treasurer shall notify the President, who shall cause the Executive Council to call for a mail vote, to be taken on the proposed addition or alteration.

VOTING.

23. All votes shall be given, unless provided for in person, by proxy. A majority vote shall in all cases carry. The members at any members' meeting may decide that a mail vote be taken on any matter before them, except an election of officers.

24. A mail vote shall be taken as follows:—On the same being required either under clause 20, sub-section D of clause 21, the President (or on his refusal to do so, any three members) shall direct the Executive Council to prepare and call a mail vote. The Council shall thereupon forward to the members in good standing in the Society the ballots to be signed by them; fix the time same are to be returned, and to whom count said ballots, and certify the result of the poll to the President and Secretary-Treasurer, who shall act thereupon and notify the proper Trustees. Ballots not in the regular form shall be counted, if it can be ascertained from them how to voter intended to vote. Thirty days shall elapse from time of mailing ballots till close of vote.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES.

25. Members shall nominate in writing to be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, or such other officer as may be designated by the By-Laws, the members they propose to hold the various offices of the Society, and the Secretary-Treasurer, or such other officer so designated by the By-Laws shall in the last issue before the date fixed for holding the meeting of members, publish all such nominations in the official organ. All members in good standing shall have one vote for a member to hold each office.

The members may vote therefor as follows:—

(A) Personally by ballot at the meeting of the members.

(B) By ballot sent in a sealed envelope to the Secretary-Treasurer, so the same shall reach him on or before the date of the members' meeting.

(C) By instructing their proxy to cast their ballot for the persons they are in favor of.

26. In case ballots are sent in as in section 25, sub-section B they shall have on the outside the member's number only, and shall not be counted unless the member is in good standing, which shall be ascertained before the envelope is opened. In case the vote is to be cast under sub-section C, there must be special instructions to that effect given with the names of those for whom that member wishes the ballot cast. No general proxy shall give power to the member

holding the same to cast a ballot for the grantor thereof. The member must be in good standing.

27. A committee of members shall be appointed to hold the poll at each meeting of members. The President or presiding officer, shall appoint two members thereof, and the members present the third.

It shall be their duty to examine all ballots, count same and report to the meeting.

28. The general meeting of the Society shall elect the persons Trustees who have received the largest number of votes according to said report, and designate them to the offices they were nominated to fill.

29. The Executive Council shall appoint to the appointive offices the persons who have received the largest number of votes, according to said report, and designate them to the offices they were nominated to fill.

Witness:	*Signatures:*
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Judge's Chambers, St. Thomas, December 13th, 1891. The within declaration appears to be in conformity with the Act, chapter 172 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, and this certificate is given by me in pursuance of the said Act and the provisions thereof. (R. S. O. Cap. 172, Sec. 2 Sub. Sec. 3.)

(Signed) C. O. ERMATINGER,
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County Court of Elgin.

LITERARY NOTES.

We have received the following papers, for which we thank the publishers: *Dominion Philatelist*, *Philatelic Record*, *Stamp News*, *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, *One Dime*, *The Post Office*, *Eastern Philatelist*, *American Philatelist and Collector*, *The Collector*, *Chicago Stamp News*, *The Stamp Collector's Companion*, *The Numismatist*, *The Stamp Collector*, *Plain Talk*, *The Effort*, *The Philatelic Monthly and World*, *Empire State Stamp Journal and Brooklyn Philatelist*, *The Coin and Stamp*, *The Stamp World*, *Philatelic Tribune*, *American Journal of Philately*, *Philatelic Journal of Ohio*, *Our Calendar*, *General Anzeiger fur Philatelie*.

We have just been favored with the 1892 edition of *Estabrook's Premium Coin Manual*, for which we thank the publishers. It is for sale at 10 cents by the F. B. Estabrook Pub. Co., of Marlboro', Mass. It is invaluable to those handling large quantities of money.

The *General Anzeiger fur Philatelie* hails from Hemer, in Westfalen, Germany, and is devoted solely to dealers' advertisements. It is published semi-monthly, and is sent free to all who send 25 cents for postage.

One Dime is still struggling to overtake "Father Time," and is at present *only* three months behind. Published by Chas. Peugh, Salem, Ind. Sample free.

Vol. 4, No. 1, of the *Philatelic Journal of Ohio* comes to hand. Its only defect is, the advertisements take up the largest part of the paper. W. S. Kinzer, Wooster, O., is the publisher.

We are in receipt of a tastefully and artistically printed invitation to the sixth annual banquet and election of officers of the Chicago Philaletic Society, to be held at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Thursday, Jan. 7, at 8 p.m. Sorry we could not attend.

No. 5 of the *Stamp Collector* has been received. The number contains some short articles of interest, among which we note: "Advice to Stamp Collectors;" "The Burglary at the Guarantee Stamp Company;" "Items of Interest;" and "Notes on Current Topics." The paper seems to enjoy a good advertising patronage. It is published by Mr. Arthur E. Witherick, of 62 Ramsey Road, Forest Gate, Essex, England. Sample copies free on application to the publishers, at the above address.

We have received a neat calendar for 1892 from the A. M. Braden Stamp Co., of North Attleborough, Mass., for which we extend our thanks. They are sent free on application.

The *Numismatist* for January is full of interest to coin collectors. Among other articles, it contains an illustrated sketch of Lyman Haynes Low, a prominent New England numismatist. Dr. George Heath, Monroe, Mich., is the publisher.

The Philaletic Era improves monthly. The December number has been received, and is full of interesting matter. W. W. Jewett, publisher, 502 Congress street, Portland, Me.

The *Stamp World* has issued its fourth number. Although *very* small, it contains a few items of interest. It hails from Indianola, Iowa.

The Brooklyn Philatelist has merged into *The Empire State Journal*, which is now called *The Empire State Stamp Journal and Brooklyn Philatelist*, etc. etc. !!!

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RULES OF THE EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

1.—Individual members may belong to either the Exchange or Sales Branch, but Branch Societies shall only participate in the Sales Branch. Members wishing to participate in the Exchange Branch must circulate sheets therein. Members may belong to both the Sales and Exchange Branches, but all transactions and accounts of such members shall, so far as each Branch is concerned, be kept separate and settled for according to the rules of each Branch and of the Exchange Department.—Members of Branch Societies may, at their option, participate in Branch circuits, or individual circuits, or both.

2.—All members of the Sales Branch who do not promptly remit will be dropped from all circuits and have their names listed by the Official Collector in the official organ. All members of the Exchange Department will be dropped from circuit who do not forward Exchange books to next on circuit in three days from receipt by them.

3.—Each member of the Exchange Branch shall at least twice a year, as soon as possible after June 30th and December 31st, select from sheet to be sent him by the Exchange Superintendent stamps to the full amount that may be due him by members for stamps taken by them belonging to him, unless the Exchange Manager sends cash instead.

4. Before a Branch Society shall be allowed to participate in the Exchange Department, its manager shall give a special agreement to the Society for payment for stamps taken, and the due return of all taken stamps and other obligation to be prepared by the Exchange Superintendent, and the said agreement shall be guaranteed by members of the branch over twenty-one years of age, and certified to be worth such sum as to the Exchange Superintendent seems proper.

5.—Whenever the rules may conflict with a member's agreement, the latter shall prevail in such particular, unless otherwise specified.

6.—Members removing a stamp from an exchange sheet must write their names plainly on the square from which the sheet is taken. If a square is blank, without stamp or name, it shall be the duty of the next member to notify the previous one, also the Exchange Superintendent. Failure to do so will make the last party responsible.

7.—All members must settle according to the terms of their contract, or they will have the accounts against them placed with the Official Collector for collection.

8.—All stamps must be circulated on sheets to be obtained from the Exchange Superintendent.

9.—Members must observe and strictly comply with the directions printed or written on the Exchange sheets or books, or attached thereto.

10.—Only sheets belonging to one member will be put in each book. Members are therefore requested to send in at least five sheets, if possible.

11.—All sheets must be sent by registered mail or express to next on circuit, in three days from receipt.

J. S. ROBERTSON,
Exchange Superintendent.

ST. THOMAS, ONT., Jan. 11, 1892.

To the Members of The Philatelic Society of Canada (Incorporated):

I expected to be able to have reported in the last number of the official organ, but delay in getting the incorporation papers through delayed this. However, I am glad to say that on December 16th, 1891, the Judge of the County of Elgin approved of the Letters of Incorporation as they appear in this issue, and we are now an Incorporated Society, under the laws of Ontario, liable to all the disadvantages and entitled to all the benefits of a corporation, which latter are of a great advantage to us.

I am now in a position to handle the Exchange Department. Anyone can send in and receive stamps who signs an agreement such as is published in this number, procuring a guarantor to his due fulfilment thereof. The agreement will be furnished on application, and must be executed before a postmaster, notary or solicitor, who will furnish me a certificate as to the standing of the guarantor. This latter may be a member of the Society, but must be 21 years old and worth over $50.00. It may be that some may object to this, but to such all I can say is this, that so long as I am the Exchange Manager I will insist on this from every one, and those who will always pay and put in a good class of stamps will only be too glad to furnish such an agreement, knowing that no one can obtain possession of what they put in without a similar agreement having been furnished.

I expect by the end of the year to have the best Exchange Department, both as regards quality of stamps and also quality of members, that there is on the Continent, for persons, when they find that they are secured in money matters, will not hesitate to put in the best class of stamps, so that it will be an advantage to every one. There will be no use asking to participate in the Exchange without signing one of these agreements.

So far as Branch Managers are concerned, I shall expect more security than $50.00, as I shall send a larger assortment to them, and I would suggest that they make some arrangement for the the members of the Branch to guarantee their agreements.

In conclusion, I beg to state that I can now furnish Exchange sheets at 5 cents a-piece, and am now ready to put this department into harness at once. The rules will be found elsewhere, and will be rigidly enforced. Yours truly,

J. S. ROBERTSON,
Exchange Superintendent.

EX. DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT.

I agree with The Philatelic Society of Canada (incorporated) as follows:

1. That I am a member thereof, and will comply with all the by-laws, rules and regulations thereof made or hereafter to be made, and pay all indebtedness on my part to said Society payable by members for dues, balances on exchange accounts, assessments, and otherwise.

2. That I will, within three days from the date of the receipt by me or my agent, as hereafter defined, from the post or express office (which receipt may be proved by affidavit of the postmaster or express agent acting at the time proof is required, whether in a lawsuit or otherwise), forward to the next on circuit, by registered mail or express, all exchange books sent to

me by the Exchange Manager, or the members on the circuit by his direction or otherwise ; and that I will also send at said time to the Exchange Superintendent a statement of the date of receipt and forwarding of all exchange books by me, and the amounts taken from each book ; and in default of my doing both or either of said things, I agree that I will forfeit and pay on demand of the Exchange Superintendent a fine of ten cents per day, which said Society may deduct out of any moneys coming to me or retain stamps to the amount.

3. I hereby become a member of the Exchange Branch of the Exchange Department of said Society, and I agree to take payment for all stamps taken from my sheets sent in by me to said Society by taking stamps from sheets sent in by other members of said branch, and which may be sent to me to select from, and not demand payment in money, the Society to be at liberty, should they prefer, to pay me any balance in cash. I request Exchange Branch books to be sent me.

4. I hereby become a member of the Sales Branch of the Exchange Department of the said Society, and I agree that I will, within the three days from the receipt of any exchange books received by me limited by clause 2 hereof for sending the statement to the Exchange Superintendent, remit to him payment in full in cash for all stamps at the value fixed to them in the said exchange sheets taken by me. I request Sales Branch books to be sent to me.

5. That I am manager of the Branch of this Society, and that as such I request books of the Sales Branch only to be sent to me. I agree personally to pay the Society for all stamps that may be taken out of any books that may be sent to me as such manager while on circuit, or otherwise, from the time I or my agent may receive same from the post or express office till I mail them by registered mail or express them to the next on circuit, and the Society are to look to me personally, and not to any member of the Branch Society of which I may be a member, for the stamps taken out of said book while in my possession ; and for the purpose of this agreement, all books and stamps shall be taken to be in my possession from the time of my receiving same to the time I forward them by registered mail or express to the next on circuit. All the other clauses of this contract which regulate the liabilities of members to whom exchange books, etc., are sent in their personal capacity, shall apply to me as manager of the Branch, except that in place of three days to forward the books to the next on circuit and remit the Exchange Manager, I shall have a day for each person that I may notify the Exchange Manager as a member of the Branch—in no case, however, to exceed fifteen days ; and in default of my doing both or either of the said things, I will forfeit and pay on demand of the Exchange Superintendent to said Society a fine of ten cents per day for each day over that time that I either keep said books or fail to remit for stamps taken, or both. I declare there are members of the Branch, which shall be considered the full number till I notify the Exchange Superintendent to the contra.

6. I hereby constitute, so far as the said Society is concerned, the person to whom from to time the postmaster in charge of the post-office at my address, as given under my signature hereto, may deliver any exchange books sent by registered mail to me, or to whom the express agent may deliver any exchange books sent by express for me, as my agent, to receive the same with full power to bind me by signing a receipt on my behalf and my receiving same.

7. That all stamps sent to the Society by me for either the Exchange or Sales Branch shall be absolutely under the control of the Society ; and for the purpose of circulating them among members and collecting the prices of the stamps taken, I set over and assign to said Society all stamps that may be sent in by me to the Exchange Department, and I hereby constitute them my attorneys to sue for and recover in my or their name the value of all stamps taken by any member from said books. The said Society is not to be liable for the return or value of any stamps that have been sent in by me to the Exchange Department for circulation among the members thereof that may be lost by members, unless the said stamps are lost through wilful default of the Society or some officer thereof, or the money value of the stamps has been actually received by the said Society, which is to be considered, so far as I am concerned, as a gratuitous bailee ; nor will I hold any member responsible for stamps lost in transit, if forwarded by registered mail or express.

8. That I will pay said Society, or the member owning the stamps, the full value of all and any stamps that may become lost while on circuit after they have reached me, and while in my possession, and till they actually reach the next member on circuit. In case I do not forward them within three days from receipt by registered mail or express, my liability to end on my obtaining a registered receipt from the post-office master or receipt from the express company for same in such time.

9. That I will abide by, conform and submit to and carry out the rules for the government of the Exchange Department of the said Society that may be made by the Exchange Superintendent and published in the official organ. This to apply not only to the rules in force at the time of my signing this contract, but which may hereafter be made the time for my liability thereunder to arise in all cases from the date of the publication thereof in the official organ of the Society for the time being.

10. In case I do not promptly pay any indebtedness I owe the Society or any member (after he has placed it in the hands of the official collector) after the first notice to pay is mailed by the official collector to my address as in the hands of the secretary-treasurer, I authorize the Society and the official collector to have my name printed in the official organ in bold type, prominent and distinct, together with the amount I owe, and any statement of the facts of the case, whether said account is correct or not, provided the Society or collector believes it, and provided I do not reply to the letters of the collector; but if I do, then my explanation is to be shortly given, together with the amount of my debt, etc. There is to be no liability for such publication on the part of the Society, its officers, or the member to whom I am a debtor.

(*a*) Dated this....day of .....; A.D. 189..

(*b*) P.S. of C., No. ....

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Member's signature and address in full.

I hereby guarantee the due fulfilment of the above agreement by (*c*) ..... as above, in order to obtain for him participation in the Exchange Department of the P.S. of C., incorporated

(*d*) .....

(*e*) .....

Guarantor's signature and address in full.

(*f*) I certify that the above-named (*c*) .... and (*g*) ..... signed the above contract and guarantee in my name, and that the said guarantor is over the age of twenty-one years, and I consider him to be worth the sum of fifty dollars over and above his just debts.

(*h*) .....
Postmaster, Solicitor, or Notary Public.

(SEAL.)

INSTRUCTIONS.

(*a*) Fill in date. (*b*) Member signs here, adding his number and full address. (*c*) Fill in member's name. (*d*) Guarantor signs here. (*e*) Fill in guarantee's business and house address, so that enquiries can be made as to his standing. (*f*) This certificate must be signed by the postmaster, or a notary public or solicitor, who can certify to age and financial standing of guarantor, so that the Society may be sure of the solvency of the guarantor: he must also affix his seal. (*g*) Fill in name of guarantor. (*h*) Postmaster, notary or solicitor signs here, and affixes his seal or stamps.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

To Members P. S. of C.:—

It is with pleasure that I lay before my fellow-members a statement of our affairs during the past month. Our increase this month has not been so marked as it was heretofore; but as it is to be considered that the members have been on their Christmas holidays, this will account for our increase being but a little over twenty new members. Especial thanks for work during the past month are due to Messrs. Hanson, Herring and Hartley. In future, all names of applicants will have to be published in the official organ and submitted to the Society a month before they may be entered on the roll. Collectors desiring to join our ranks will find themselves amply repaid by doing so. All applicants must send a written application, accompanied by two references, and the dues of 25 cents, which pays the membership fee up to July, 1892. I trust to receive many applications during the next month. The following members have paid their dues since my last report: 152, 102, 103, 212. 217, 87, 118, 219, 220. 223, 48, 50, 161, 206, 227 41, 200, 179. 180, 181, 226, 228, 229, 169, 54, 166, 104, 202, 183, 213, 216, 194, 209, 234, 235, 201. All members who have not paid their dues are requested to forward them to the Sec. Treasurer at once. My report is brief for want of space. Trusting for a successfulsmonth, I am yours in P. S. of C.,

L. M. STÆBLER, *Sec.-Treas.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Mr. H. S. Dickson failed to have his report on hand for publication in time for this number. As it was a long one, it possibly could not have been inserted fully, so we may look for a *long* report next month. Members who have sent papers, watch our next number for acknowlegement.

PURCHASING AGENTS.

The Purchasing Agents are requested to send in reports of work entrusted to them each month; same will oblige the editor.

OFFICIAL COLLECTOR.

Mr. L. Miller, of 548 Ontario street, Toronto, Ont., has been appointed to the above office, and *members* should place all delinquents in his hands. We trust to have his report on hand for publication next month.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

P. H., N. Y.—Your MSS. being of a statistical nature, would not be acceptable to our readers. It will be returned on receipt of the necessary postage (3 c.), which you omitted to enclose.

T. E. L., CINCINNATI.—The stamps, if according to your discription, are forgeries. We cannot be sure until we have seen them: however, we would advise you to take them from your album.

W. A.—We do not purchase stamps of the kind offered by you.

L. AND OTHERS.—No discount on regular advertisement rates can be allowed to P. S. of C. members *at present* as the rates are already very low.

J. E., BARRIE.—Thanks! You will find the item inserted as per request.

Our Sister Societies.

[We desire the Secretaries of all Societies to send us *brief* reports of their meetings each month, and such will be published free, and we trust that Societies will not be slow in taking advantage of this privilege.]

Very little society matter could be inserted this month for want of the necessary space. We publish two or three items, but a large portion of this matter is laid over until next month.

The annual dinner of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held on Jan. 7th, at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago. The invitation and menu cards have both been received, and are of unique design. The affair was a grand success, and the evening passed off to the satisfaction of all. Numerous toasts were proposed and responded to in *Chicago style*. President Tiffany, of the A. P. A., presided.

The Algoma City Philatelic Society has secured an official organ in the *Coin and Stamp*. This society figures as one of the leading local organizations of the U. S.

The Michigan Philatelic Society is in first-class shape, and is still looking for an official organ. The organ proposed is the *Michigan Philatelist*, which will be published in Detroit shortly.

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EDITORIAL.

This number is somewhat crowded with official matter of the P. S. of C., which forces us to leave out a large quantity of interesting matter which we have on hand for publication. In future we will, however, have plenty of room, for the only Society matter that will be published are the brief reports of the officers. The roll is published this month for the last time.

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Our February number will be crowded just as full of interesting matter as this number is with official matter. We shall endeavor to select only such matter as shall interest our readers and benefit all. We intend to start some new departments next month, and may be able to give the first of a series of Philatelic ketches and portraits.

The U. S. dealers have let their project to secure the restriction of duty on stamps fall through, and have refunded the subscriptions to the subscribers. We thought our American friends had a little more push and enterprise than to drop an important movement like this at the first little difficulty presented. That is not the way things are done in Canada. When we start a movement, we do so with the determination to succeed. Take the P. S. of C. for instance!

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"No. 70" kindly sends the following item:—"A letter was posted in a village post office, it had no postage stamp attached, but in place thereof, the following note was written on one corner of the envelope:—'Mr. Postmaster, don't charge any postage on this; the stamp would not stick, so I tore the thing up.'"

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Mr. A. B. Merrill, of Everett, Mass., makes the following kind offer to the members of the P. S. of C. only:—"In order that every member of your esteemed society may have a copy of my *Fraud List* on their table, I will send it to all such who send 16 cents in silver, or unused 2 cent U. S. stamps in strips." We would urge all to take advantage of Mr. Merrill's liberal offer. We use the *Fraud List* and find it invaluable. See adv. elsewhere.

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We circulate a little over 100 copies in foreign countries this month, but every month in future we shall circulate 200 copies on all five continents. Those desiring forei n correspondents can readily see the value of this, for this foreign circulation is not excelled, *if equalled*, by any contemporary on the continent. We *guarantee* above circulation. Try an advertisement for foreign correspondents. If you desire your advertisement in French, it will be translated free of charge.

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The general business correspondence of our firm has been somewhat delayed in the past month or two. Our facilities have now, however, been increased, and in future our customers and correspondents in general will be subjected to no delay whatever in receiving answers to their communications. Letters of inquiry and enclosures of MSS. should contain a 3c. stamp for reply.

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Our advertisers will no doubt be pleased to hear that we have received the long-looked-for *Mekeel's Address Book*, and that it is a great improvement on the previous edition. We notice quite a few errors therein; also we note that we have on our *private* address book nearly 1000 names which are omitted by Mr. Mekeel, but, notwithstanding this, it is a neat, useful, and valuable work. All the *domestic* names in it will receive a sample copy of this paper during the next few months. To the shrewd advertiser a hint is sufficient.

A large number of sample copies of this issue are sent out, and we would request you, if not already a subscriber, to forward us the small amount required for your subscription. Twelve numbers full of interesting matter guaranteed. You will receive *but one* sample copy, so do not delay sending your subscription. "Now is the accepted time." All subscriptions must commence with the current number. Back numbers are very scarce, and can only be supplied at 10 cents each.

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Advertrsers are requested to make immediate remittances upon receipt of bill for adv. Deilnequent advertisers will be placed in the hands of our Official Collector, who, being a commercial traveller, will be able to call on many of those who are bad pay; we, however, sincerely trust that we will not be obliged to place any accounts in his hands; but if you do not remit promptly we shall be compelled to do so.

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After perusing Mr. Robertson's "Rules of Exchange Department," "Exchange Department Agreement," his report, etc., the shrewd collector cannot help but see the able and painstaking care of Mr. Robertson in his endeavors to make this department a grand success. It is true, he has been somewhat long getting it into running order, but we are sure that all will be amply repaid the slight delay by the almost perfect arrangements that have been made.

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See our list of fine mixtures on the last page of cover. These mixtures are the best on the market. Try them. Dozens of flattering testimonials could be published had we the space to spare.

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Dealers, as well as collectors, interested in the success of our paper are requested to send us the names of their collecting friends and customers whom they think might subscribe. Send along your list; it will benefit you indirectly and confer a favor on the publisher. To such as have already done so we extend our earnest thanks.

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The editor of this paper would like to receive a few *good, original* articles on any branch of *Philately*, (not postal statistics). Address this department.

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It may interest some of our readers to know the exact numbers of U. S. department stamps issued by the different departments. The issues were as follows:—Executive, 1,800; State, 58,338; Treasury, 1,442,650; War, 1,144,573; Navy, 81,493; Interior, 533,622; Justice, 25,470; Agriculture, 86,800. The above figures show the ratio of their comparative rarity. Do not omit to purchase these stamps because of the seemingly high prices of some, for in five years from now you will not be able to obtain them at double the present prices.

Mr. T. S. Clark's auction sale was held in Montreal on New Years Day. Total of sale, $563.31. Prices were on the whole *fair only*.

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We were obliged, for the first time, to leave out the matter for the *Canadian Stamp Catalogue*. Next month and thereafter it will be continued regularly without fail.

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The value of a good Philatelic library is now being fully recognized as an essential and useful companion to every *true* Philatelist. This is shown by the hundreds of advertisemeuts in the exchange columns of stamp papers for the purchase and exchange of the same. Another thing that shows us the increase of this class of collectors, is the increasing demand for back numbers of this paper. Have you a Philatelic library? If not, we would advise you to form one. By this we by no means infer that a collection of Price Lists, Magazines of no merit, and such like should be collected, for it is our opinion they should not. But a good collection of fine Magazines form an invaluable companion to the collector.

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A recent resolution passed by the P. S. of C. Organizing Committee was that of patronizing only such dealers as were members of the P. S. of C. We are pleased to note that nearly all of the P. S. of C. members are aiding the committee to carry out this resolution, and we extend our cordial thanks to such members as have favored us with a share of their trade.

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A correspondents' column is opened this month, and we trust a liberal use will be made of it, as in future considerable space will be devoted to it.

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Foreign dealers who wish good North and South American correspondence should patronize the advertising eolumns of this paper. We circulate extensively, and an advertisement is sure to pay you. Try it!

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Join the leading incorporated Philatelic Society in America—*The Philatelie Society of Canada*. The departments are all in first-class working order, and the dues low—25 cents until July, 1892. Send your application to the Secretary now.

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At Mr. Duncan S. Wylie's recent sale, a New Brunswick shilling brought $27.50; a Nova Scotia shilling brought $31.00; and a like stamp of Newfoundland brought $41.00. Who will say that British North American stamps are not a good investment?

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Patronize the exchange department. It is read by all, and the rates are very low, placing it in reach of ll. Try it!

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

TERMS—Half a cent per word each insertion, payable in advance. No exchange notice will be received for less than 10 cents. No display allowed.

COLLECTORS and Agents send for our sheets at 33⅓ per cent. commission. Only good stamps and at reasonable prices. 100 varieties catalogued at $5.00 for $1 25. Munroe Stamp Co., Rochester, N.Y. (OK-6).

I WILL buy your collections of Foreign Post Cards for spot cash or give you goods in exchange. Write me. Wholesale prices desired from foreign dealers. Correspondence in English only. Mention this paper. W. P. Agee, Washington, Arks., U.S.A. (OK-10).

W. A. COGDEN, Waterman, Ill., U.S.A., offers 65 varieties of foreign stamps, 5c.; 200 mixed, 6c.; 25 varieties rare stamps, 15c.; 25 var. U.S., 10c.; 10 var Mexican, 8c; 20 var. South America, 15c. Sheets on approval at 33⅓ per cent. discount. Mention this paper. (OK.8)

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I will give 11 sheets of the best gummed onion skin paper, for every 25 Canadian Registers, or 25 envelopes cut square, or 10 stamps catalogued at 5c. each. Mention this paper. Frank R. Hoyt, Drawer 156, Buffalo, N. Y.

1000 U. S. stamps from issues 1872 to 1891, containing the following values: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10c. for $1.00, or will exchange for Canada sq. cut envelope stamps. L. B. Cornwell, 905 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

FOR 50 ass't Canadian Register, Bill and Postage Stamps. I will send 75 ass't U. S. Wm. Urban, Potosi, Missouri.

GOOD new and old books, papers, etc given in exchange for good foreign and U. S. stamps. What have you? J. E. Handshaw & Co., Smithtown Branch, N. Y.

DROP us a line and we will send you free, 42 varieties of foreign stamps catalogued at 54c. Sheets of rare stamps on approval at 40 per cent. off. New England Stamp and Phil. Co Mention this paper. (7.)

A. MUNRO, P O. Box 116, Pictou, N. S. will buy or give good exchange for N. B. 6d, N. S. 8½ and old issues Victoria; also will sell good foreign stamps at 40 per cent. off. Send for sheets. Stamp free.

I will give packet of 25 fine varieties of Postage stamps for every 3 different New Brunswick or N. S stamps Write at once to H. L. Cooms, St. John, N. B. (P. S. of C.) (2)

25 varieties of fine old U S. stamps 10c; 20 varieties of Mexico, Central and South America all unused 50c All sent post paid. W. O. Loomis, Hubbardsville, N. Y. (2)

JE désire immediatement correspondre avec collectionneurs d'outre-mer, relatif à l'échange de cartes-postales entières. Envoyez-moi une lot de 25 à 50 de votre pays bien assorties et je vous retournerai un monebre ézal et un assortiement très bean du Canada. Les cartes-postales coupées et celles des États-Unis et l'Angleterre ne sout pas désirées. Écrire immediatement à L. M. Stæbler. (12)

AUCUN collectionne d'outre-mer qui ne Éuverra de 500 à 1000 timbres de son pays, tres bien assorties recevra un assortiment égal et un nombre dè timbres très he ux du Canada. Je ne veux pas ceux de Belgique, des Pays-Bas, de la France, d'Austriche, d'Italie, d'Angleterre, d'Allemande, de Danemark on de Suède. Je désire specialement ceux de l'Amérique du Sud. Recommander vos lettres et employor les timbre des petites valeurs pour affranchir le port et je ferai le même. Je désire aussi recevoir les prix-courants et les citations des marchands d'outre-mer Bonnes consignations en gros sont désirées contre argent empressé. Puis offrer les timbres du Canada et des États-Unis de toutes sortes, rares et communs en échange. L. M. Stæbler, London, Ont., Canada. (12)

WE will take collectors' duplicates catalogued at 3 cents or over, and allow exchange at the most advantagous rates. Small lots not wanted. Send list of what you have or send on approbation L M. Stæbler, London, Ont, Canada.

WANTED at once, for cash, old Canadian and Provincial pence issues in any quantity. Highest prices paid. Write at once to L. M. Stæbler, London, Ont., Canada.

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Yours Philatelically,

J. Reginald Hooper.

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PRESIDENT OF CANADA'S NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The engraving we present this month will, no doubt, be recognized by many prominent philatelists in Canada and the U. S. as that of Mr. J. R. Hooper, the first President of The Philatelic Society of Canada. The engraviug is copied from a photo by De Lorme, Ottawa.

Mr Hooper's life has been published in no less than five or six papers, both in Canada and abroad, so we will be content to give a small sketch of his philatelic career. Beginning at a time when stamp collecting was generally laughed at, and regarded as a harmless craze, he is one of the early collectors who foresaw great things ahead, and has made the hobby a "science." His first collection was made twenty-three years ago, when stamps now classed as unobtainable were to be had for a few cents. He steadily increased his collection, and made a study of counterfeit and watermark specialties. Sixteen years ago he published a stamp paper called *The Gazette*, and advised collectors of coins to give up that pursuit for philately. "Scott's" American album of 1868 was his first stamp book, and the beginning of a collection valued at seven thousand dollars. He has sold close upon four thousand dollars' worth, and at the sale of his "Part I" in New York he realized nearly *one thousand dollars* for his British North American stamps; the latter is his specialty, and he posesses at present a very fine collection, rather inclining to the idea of amassing rare stamps, and paying particular attention to minute varieties of paper, perforation, watermarks, color, etc.

Mr. Hooper was the founder of the C. P.A. of which he was No. 1, also one of the promoters of the present Canadian National Association, and organizer of the Ottawa Philatelic Society, which claims to be the largest local branch on the continent. He is a member of the Nederland Society of Amsterdam, No. 42. He also belongs to the following powerful organizations, some of which extend to all parts of the globe :—Carleton Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 240; Derby Lodge, No. 30; Oddfellows Encampment, No. 52; Past Commandant Canton, No. 9; Patriarchs Militant; Foresters; Past Supreme Grand Lodge, Representative Sons of England; Audobon Society of America; St. George's Society; Clarendon Lodge, No. 1; White Rose Degree, etc., etc.

Of Mr. Hooper's military service, nearly everybody is acquainted, the fact that he is the possessor of Queen's medals for active campaigning, and also that he is the owner of several championship trophies for athletic feats won ten years ago. He has published two professional papers, and acted as parlimentary correspondent in the House of Commons. Outside of his stamp collecting he finds a chance to display his musical talent inSt. Cæcelia Glee Club; The Arion Quartette and the choir of St. Alban the Martyr, in each of which he is a member. Since 1886 he has been a permanent government official in the Post Office Department, Head Office, Ottawa. Mr. Hooper is President of the Ottawa Philatelic Society, and at the Capital he is the recognized leading authority on Philately. Notwithstanding the recent sale of his collection, Mr. Hooper is again engaged in the formation of another collection. Mr. Hooper is also a well-known contributor to the Philatelic press, under his familiar *nom de plume*, "Canadensis."

L. M. S.

THE CANADIAN STAMP CATALOGUE.

BY L. M. STÆBLER.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 50.)

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Issue of 1860.—In this year Prince Edward Island issued its first postage stamps. Three values only were issued during this year:—2 pence, 3 pence and 6 pence. The 2 penny stamp was rose in color, and had the head of the Queen to the left in a circle, and around this circle were the words "PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND POSTAGE," and across the bottom the value in words. The design of the 3 pence was similar to that of the 2 pence, having the head of the Queen in an oval frame; color blue. The 6 pence was green in color, and had the head of the Queen in an octagonal frame. The above stamps were perforated nine.

Issue of 1864.—In this year 1 penny and a 9 penny stamp was issued, the design being similar to that of the 1860 issue. The color of the 1 penny was buff, while that of the 9d. was lilac. At the same time, of the issue of the two new values the 1860 issue was reissued with these, all perforated with smaller perforations than were used on the issue of 1860.

Issue of 1869.—A 4 penny stamp was issued in this year, color black. It had the head of the Queen to the left; "Prince Edward Island Postage" across the top in two curved lines; across the bottom "Four Pence."

Issue of 1870.—A 4½ pence currency stamp was issued in this year; it had a full face portrait of the Queen in oval frame, surrounded by the words "Prince Edward Island Postage," and across the bottom "3d. stg. by 4½d."

Issue of 1871.—Owing to a change of the currency from pence to cents, a new set of stamps were issued in this year. The 1 cent was orange in color, and had the Queen's head in a circle, surrounded by "Prince Edward Island Postage," and the value across the bottom in words, and in each corner in figures. The 2 cent was blue, and had the head of the Queen in oval frame, "Prince Edward Island Postage" in a half circle at the top, value across the bottom in words, and in each corner in figures. The 3 cent was rose, and had the head of the Queen in an irregular circular frame, "Postage" across the top, and below this in a curved line, "Prince Edward Island," across the bottom the value in words, and in both upper corners the value in figures. The 4 cent and 6 cent were of similar design, having the head of the Queen in irregular fancy frames, "Postage, Prince Edward Island" across the top in two straight lines; value in words across the bottom, and value in figures in each corner. The 12 cent was mauve in color, and had the head of the Queen in a circle, "Prince Edward Island Postage" above in a curved line, and value in words across the bottom, and in figures in both upper corners.

Reference List.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND POSTAGE.

Perforated.

Heavy white paper, large perforations.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.
195	1860	2 pence	rose (perf. 9).
196	1860	3 pence	blue (perf. 9).
197	1860	6 pence	green (perf. 9).

White wove paper, smaller perforations.

198	1864	1 penny	buff
199	1864	2 pence	rose
200	1864	3 pence	blue
201	1864	6 pence	green
202	1864	9 pence	lilac
203	1869	4 pence	black
204	1870	4½ pence	brown
205	1871	1 cent	orange
206	1871	2 cent	blue
207	1871	3 cent	rose
208	1871	4 cent	green
209	1871	6 cent	black
210	1871	12 cent	mauve

PROVISIONALS.

211	2 pence, rose, cut diagonally and used for 1d.
212	6 pence, green, cut diagonally and used for 3d.
213	6 cent, black, cut diagonally and used for 3d.

Many spurious imitations of these provisionals are being offered, and in buying these care should be taken to get them on original envelope, and to carefully examine the postmark.

(To be continued.)

New South Wales people are growling about the new scheme for printing advertisements on the backs of postage stamps. They say that the ink leaves an unpleasant taste in the mouths of those using them.

Written for CANADIAN PHILATELIST:

SPECIALISTS AND SPECIALISM.

BY A SUBSCRIBER.

Specialism is the order of the day. The decline of general collecting is evident, and the increase of the former is rapidly causing a steady advance of price in the older issues of nearly every stamp-issuing country in the globe. There are but few countries that have not their following of specialists. Why should not specialism continue to increase until all, or nearly all, of the Philatelic world could be termed as specialists? There have been many objects and advantages that have caused collectors to turn their attention to a few countries instead of *attempting the impossible*, by endeavoring to make a general collection, embracing the whole stamp-issuing world. One of the many reasons that caused the advance of specialism was the yearly "*Seebeck*" issues of certain Central American and other countries. Collectors became disgusted with these yearly *made-to-order* issues. Had they not a good reason to do so? Yes, verily, with so many varieties to collect, with no hope of collecting all those that had been issued, and to have some speculative dealers endeavor to force innumerable new varieties on them each year, assisted in the formation of a resolution to collect but a few countries, leaving these speculative new issues out in the cold. Another important reason was: As collectors became moderately advanced, they recognized the fact of the impossibility of forming a complete collection of all countries; then follows a desire to have at least something complete, hence the collector naturally selects a few countries with the intention of devoting his entire attention to them. Again, a general collector, picking up two successive editions of a standard catalogue, and making a comparison of prices, notes the decided advance of price in some of the older issues of certain countries—a 10 cent stamp rises to $2.00, and others in like proportion. It is with regret that he notes that in his general grasp for everything he has neglected these older issues which are so rapidly rising in value. Take, for instance, the issues of British North America, the United States, the States of the German Confederation, and the older issues of the British Colonies. This last is by far the most important reason in leading the collector to abandon general collecting and take to specialism. The writer does not desire the above to tend to prejudice collectors (especially young ones) against general collecting. It is, I contend, all right and proper for some individuals, but for some only. In the first place, I strongly recommend general collecting to the young beginner. When starting to form a collection, it is for him a difficult matter to determine properly which countries he prefers to make a specialty of; but as his collection approaches the thousand mark, he will begin to have some idea of his favorite countries, and will then, as a result, be better prepared to enter the field as a specialist than he would have been had he done so at the first. There is another individual to whom general collecting is entirely feasible, that is, to the wealthy collector. With plenty of means at his disposal, it is to him a comparatively easy matter to form a fairly complete collection. But outside the two above cases, I am inclined to strongly advocate the claims and advantages of specialism. It is in the end the most profitable investment to the collector of limited means. Perhaps you, my dear reader, are not a specialist. You ask: "What shall I make my specialty? There is abundant field for choice, but it is best to leave it to the tastes of the collector himself. In Canada and the United States, I believe, the general tastes of specialists have a tendency toward collecting solely (singly or collectively) the issues of British North America, the United States and Mexico. These three countries form an interesting triplet for any collector, as the general issues, postage revenue and local, embracing some minor varieties, comprise between four and five thousand different varieties of stamps, but one of the three above countries will, I believe, form a very sufficient task for the *average* American or Canadian. Here in Europe, however, our specialties are, to a large extent, very different to those of American collections. In Britain, we find it task enough to form a fairly complete collection of Great Britain alone; but, as in America, the *ambition* of some of our specialists is greater than their *purses*, and, as a result, take it in hand to collect. Come over the Channel with me, and I will favor you with an introduction to Monsieur Française, who makes a specialty of France, the happy Republic (?) and her colonies only. He does not become discouraged at the multitude of surcharges with which the generous (?) Postmasters of the Colonies so kindly (?) supply him. If

Monsieur cannot obtain all these surcharge varieties, he will not hesitate to make them. Can he not easily obtain type and ink at the nearest printer's ? and is it not with him an easy matter for he himself to surcharge the coveted varieties ? If you are disposed to hand our friend a few francs, he will gladly and cheerfully show you his outfit, and show you how to obtain unobtainable varieties without money and without price. So interested is he in his specialty, that he will show you how to prove a forgery un questionably genuine, or, on the other hand, how to convert new-forged issues at a moment's notice, and show beyond question that they were issued by government authority. Such is the French specialist.—Taking the train at Paris, it is but a short journey to the German capital, Berlin : here we find the most enthusiastic specialists without number, *all* (?) of whom have the finest and most complete collection of German stamps in the world. All their collections are composed purely of Germany and the German States. What is there in the outside world worthy of notice ? Nothing at all ! All outside is blank to our German friends. So enraptured are they with their "Faderland" that nothing outside has any attraction for the German specialist, unless it be some rare German State in the collection of some wealthy general collector, and to obtain this he is willing to devote his valuable time in order to procure it lest it be polluted by the touch of some foreign collection. Every collector in Berlin, it is strange to say, has a better collection than any other specialist in the city. The *great* (?) German dealers have also gone solely into German stamps, which they *all* can sell cheaper than the cheapest rival dealer in Berlin. German collectors are very honest. They would not think of forging a surcharge on a German stamp as their French brother does. If they lack certain varieties, they are capital engravers, excellent printers, for they can mix ink to perfection, and they are excellent judges of paper. With the above hereditary qualities, the German can manufacture, wholesale or retail, the rarest of German stamps, used or unused, as his fancy may desire. *The world over* there are specialists, and in nearly every case we find them taking their national country as their specialty. Specialism causes advances in the prices of the older issues of every country. Specialism is the growing custom of to-day among collectors.

Before closing, I must beg my French and German friends to take no offence at the above references, for, candidly, some of the most honest, painstaking and ardent specialists I have ever met are the German and French collectors. I only make the above reference to show how enthusiastic they are.

Thanking the editor for having allowed me to encroach on his valuable space, I will close, trusting at some future time to again have the honor of addressing you.

PHILATELIA.

(A Parody Adapted to Ware's "Zenobia")

BY L. H. BENTON.

I am charged with being a stamp collector. The charge is true, and I glory in its truth. Who ever acquired a magnificent collection of stamps, proofs, or essays, who was not a stamp-collector ? The rich collector is not more ambitious than the poor collector. It is but in another way. All magnificence is born of the pocket book. Let the pocket book be a large one and who shall blame it ? I confess, I did once aspire to be the owner of not only a large collection but a fine one. That I am. I now aspire to remain so. Is it not a worthy ambition ? Does it not become a follower of Philatelica of Philatelicus ? My collection is admired by you all for what it now is. You would not it should have been less. But why pause here ? Is so much ambition praise worthy, and more, criminal ? Is it fixed by finance that the limits of this collection should be ten thousand stamps on the one hand, and twenty thousand dollars and no more on the other ? Are not unlimited numbers and unrestricted finances more appropriate ends ? Or hath the extent of the collection no fixed limit, but is in proportion to the avoirdupois and dimensions of the owner's pocket book ? Mr. Richman has a magnificent collection. Let Mr. Poorman possess one also. Not that the catalogue price guides this and no more. My finances prospering, and I swear not that Mr. Richman shall surpass me in magnificence, or Mr. Moneybags in number. Philatelicus was right—I would that all the stamps were mine. I feel within the will and the power to take care of them, were it so.

Are not stamp collectors happy ? I look upon the past and the present, upon the greater and lesser collectors, and ask nor fear the

answer—what collector is dissatisfied with his lot? What one is depressed? What old attic and musty trunk pillaged? What pocket book drained with taxes? Whose stamps have I unjustly taken, or collections coveted or robbed? Whose honor have I questioned? Whose rights, though of the weakest and poorest, have I tampered with? I dwell where I would ever dwell, in the good opinion of my brother philatelists. It is written on your bills that I do not owe you more than is paid. The foundation of my hobby is not any other power than love. Suppose now, my ambition add another stamp to my collection—is it an evil? The stamp album already bound for us by the joint acts of the bookbinder and his late assistant, we found empty and light. It is now full and heavy. One harmonious whole has grown out of sundry retail and wholesale purchases. With my hands they are placed in the album. The arrangement of them have I planned, and put them on fast and sure. Prosperity and plenty are on all the pages. The stamps on the pages bear testimony to the distant and various industries which here seeks its market, through the mails. This is no vain boasting—receive itnot so, good friends ; it is but truth. He who cheats sins with him who cheats another. He who is unjust to himself, or less than just, is minus many stamps as well as he who gives his stamps away to his neighbor's boy. I tell you what I want and what I have, that your knowledge of what I lack in the stamp line may not rest on ignorant grounds. If I am more than just to myself, please lick me. If I have overstepped the modesty that became me, I am open to your censure, (also your cents, sure) and will grin and bear it. But I have spoken, that you may know who I am —not only by my acts, but by my stamps. I tell you that I am ambitious—that I crave stamps, and while I live will have them. Being a stamp collector, an album is my chosen book. I love it. But I strive too—who can bear me witness that I do—that it shall be, while I own it, the nobbiest album in Christendom. If I can, I will yet hang the man that says it is not—that is I will hang him a May-basket sometime next December.

LITERARY NOTES.

The *Michigan Philatelist* is a new aspirant. It is mostly filled with non-philatelic matter, poorly printed on poor paper. We trust to see improvements in the near future.

The Empire State Exchange contains a philatelic department. See the advertisement of the publishers in this number.

The *Post Office* enjoys a first class advertising patronage, although not yet a year old. The paper as yet has published but little *original* reading matter, its space being mostly taken up with advertisements and reprinted articles.

The *American Collector* is announced from Rochester, Ind., with Harold Van Trump as editor. Mr. Van Trump is city editor of the *Daily Republican* of that place, and is a thorough newspaper man. He will, no doubt, make a success of his venture.

The *Coin and Stamp*, a new aspirant, has been received. It hails from San Antonia, Texas, and is published by Dr. J. B. Breeding. The contents and make-up of the first number is fair. It is the official organ of the Algoma City Philatelic Society.

Plain Talk, a high class, young peoples' journal, is among the best of our non-philatelic exchanges. It contains a Philatelic Department, which is ably edited by Alvah Davison the editor of the *Post Office*. The number before us contains a portrait of R. R. Bogert, of the Bogert and Dubrin Co.

As a result of the consolidation of the firms of Bogert & Co., of New York, and Dubrin and Hanes, of Philadelphia, under the firm name of "The Bogert and Dubrin Co.," *The Philatelic World* has merged into *The Philatelic Monthly*, which now comes to hand christened *The Philatelic Monthly and World.*

It is only a little over a year ago that *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* was begun as an experiment, and notwithstanding the many difficulties it has had to contend with it has completed its first volume. During the first year of its existence it has become a necessity to collectors, and during the entire year has been issued on time. Are you a subscriber? If not, you miss a great treat in the way of a philatelic nature, and having missed the first volume, you should subscribe at once, and thereby have the second. One dollar per year. Published by C. H. Mekeel, Locust street, St. Louis, Mo. Sample copies free.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To Members P. S. of C. :—

The height of the collecting season sees our Society well equipped for business, and ready to satisfy the tastes of the most advanced collector. The Exchange and Sales Departments are now in full working order, and while, probably, it is too stringent for many of our younger or even older collectors who are not sufficiently advanced, still it affords a basis of security to all those who participate.

To meet the one apparent want of the Society, *i.e.*, an Exchange Branch for the new beginners, the Executive Board have now a proposition before them by which there will be a complex system, and our younger members can participate without a guarantee of fifty dollars being required. In short, it is proposed to form separate circuits for junior collectors, or those not far advanced enough, and where *one* or *two* sheets could be sent in with *fair* stamps, as the present rule would require *five* sheets to be sent in at once, and they would have to be *good* and *rare*. We have accomplished now what the most particular collector could demand in the way of protection, and there is now no reason why we should not have a "complex" and give *all* a chance to participate in our grand national organization, which would be under nearly the same rules, and where branch societies can participate as a branch on the guarantee of their officers. I have received several letters asking for this Exchange, and stating that a guarantor over twenty-one years of age was enough without having a guarantor guaranteed by another party. I do not advise changing in the least the system so well inaugurated by Mr. Robertson, our Exchange Superintendent, but with the above system we will beat the world. Without it we would shut off our supply of material, as it were, and be too exclusive. I hope that by next month our Superintendent will be able to announce this one apparent want as being filled. Then on—"on to the end," shall be our watchword.

I trust that the branches will all elect their officers as soon as possible. Those members having duplicate stamp papers, photos, counterfeit stamps, etc., should send them to the Librarian. Those who have anyone owing them should send their bills to the Official Collector. The latter officer is a "hustler," and can and will collect where other means fail. Try it. He will only collect *for our* members, but can collect from parties all over the U. S and Canada.

I wish to again emphasize what I said in a previous address, and that is, for our members to be careful about dealing with anyone outside of our Society. In our ranks we can and will protect you from fraud, therefore patronize those dealers who can write "P. S. of C." after their name; and I advise all members who advertise to place these letters with their official number in their advertisements, to let the world know you belong to an incorporated body which can guarantee its membership.

Any complaints against members or others should be at once forwarded to Mr. W. J. Beatty, P.O. Dept., Ottawa, chairman of the Executive.

Let everybody in their correspondence, etc., advise their fellow-collectors to join our national Society.

Yours truly, J. R. HOOPER,

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SEC.-TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Members of the P. S. C.:

I am pleased to report nineteen applications for membership this month, and to submit the names to the consideration of the members. If no objection is received before the next issue they shall be considered elected. The applications are herewith submitted:

APPLICATIONS.

H. E. DEATS, Flamington, N.J.
References—R. R. Bogert and S. B. Bradt.

A. CORBMAN, Midland, Ont.
References—E. Y. Parker and L. Miller.

G. G. FORD, 50 W. St. Paul st., Rochester, N.Y.
References—L. Miller and L. M. Stæbler.

S. H. SAUNDERS, Hanover, Ont.
References—L. Miller and L. M. Stæbler.

GUY WATSON, Hamilton, Ont.
References—L. Miller and L. M. Stæbler.

G. H. LOWE, 346 Spadina ave., Toronto, Ont.
References—L. Miller and L. M. Stæbler.

F. H. PINKHAM, Newmarket, N.H.
References—L. M. Stæbler and J. R. Hooper.

C. P. NEWCOMER, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
References—L. M. Stæbler and Rev. M. S. Newcomer.

E. C EVERETT, 87 Broad street, St. John, N.B.
References—F. B. Saunders and A. M. Hanson.

G. S. MCCORD, Sackville, N.B.
References—F. B. Saunders and A. M. Hanson.

F. L. GEORGE, Box 425 Portsmouth, N.H.
References—L. M. Stæbler and ——.

E. H. BENNINGTON, Brockton, Mass.
References—J. R. Hooper and W. J. Beatty.

F. HONORE, Baptist College, Victoria ave., Ottawa, Ont.
References—J. R. Hooper and Jos. Aube.

J. A. CRAIG, Chemist, Yarmouth, N.S.
References—J. R. Hooper and G. Hooper.

GEO. BLACK, Chelsea Road, Hull, Que.
References—Jas. Wadsworth and W. J. Beatty.

L. L. BROPHY, Geological Survey, Ottawa, Ont.
References—Louis Gauthier and J. R. Hooper.

H. P. BRUMMELL, Geological Survey, Ottawa.
References—Louis Gauthier and J. R. Hooper.

H. VALIN, 205 Willrod street, Ottawa, Ont.
References—E. Valin and J. R. Hooper.

EUGENE LEBEUF, care of Panama Railroad Co., Colon, U.S. of Colombia.
References—L. M. Stæbler and R. W. McClure.

It is known that the Society desires an accredited corresponding member in every foreign country. I have just succeeded in securing the first of these in the person of Mr. Eugene Lebeuf, secretary of the recently-founded *Philatelic Association of the Isthmus of Panama;* and in the name of the above Society he desires to become a corresponding member of our Society. I trust to be able to secure corresponding members the world over, and request assistance from my brother members.

DUES RECEIVED.—203, 158, 222, 186, 181, 188, 74, 237, 230, 178.

Yours in P. S. of C.,
L. M. STÆBLER, *Sec.-Treas.*

REPORT OF OFFICIAL COLLECTOR. P. S. OF C.

To whom it may concern:—

I desire to say that the position of Official Collector for the Philatelic Society of Canada has been assigned to me, and I will endeavor to fulfil it in a painstaking and business-like manner. I am not given to much waste of time ordinarily, and any accounts placed in my hands for collection will be attended to with a vim and without loss of time. I intend to pursue a rather sharp course, which some delinquents would perhaps call radical, but they will have the remedy in their own hands, viz:—pay up. I shall first send a letter asking that the account be paid to me forthwith, and if the delinquent does so that is the end of it, and none outside of those immediately concerned will know anything about it; if however no notice is taken of the first letter, a second will be sent *registered*, and if this brings forth no reply, I will have the post office authorities send a tracer after it, and if I find the letter has been duly received, I shall then put my machinery into motion, which will be something after the following style:

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2. All Philatelic societies and Philatelic journals throughout America will be notified.

3. Legal action will be taken, even to the extent of suing for judgment in the law courts.

I have perfected arrangements with all the leading agencies in the United States, to work in conjunction with me, and I can safely promise that the chances of any one of these detestable stamp frauds beating their creditors will be quite limited.

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We are in receipt of prospectus of the *Detroit Philatelist*, to be Published by Mr. A. H. Crittenden, of Detroit, Mich., which is sufficient to guarantee its staying powers, and general appearance. We wish Mr. Crittenden the best success in his venture. As yet, we have seen nothing in the way of a first-class publication from the state of michigan, and we trust that the *Detroit Philatelist* will redeem the honor of the state.

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EDITORIAL.

We are a few days late this month, owing to a delay occasioned in receiving the plate for our illustration. We feel sure that in presenting these superior half-tone portraits of prominent Canadian Philatelists we add a point to this magazine that will meet with the approval of all our readers. We shall present the portraits sent occasionally, as the occasion demands it. We believe in gradual improvements, and shall month by month continue to make additional improvements, which we trust dealers and collectors will, by their continued patronage, show their appreciation of.

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At last, action has been taken in the United States in regard to the duty on stamps. A bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate and passed its second reading, and has been ordered to be printed. The bill provides that all used and unused foreign postage stamps, postal cards and stamp envelopes shall pass free of duty. The removal of the duties will be of great benefit to the larger U.S. dealers, as it also will be to foreign dealers, who export stamps to the United States in large quantities. These latter lost much of their United States trade through the heavy duties levied. The United States dealers who started a movement to abolish these duties, and then dropped it because of its apparent difficulty, cannot justly claim to have been the means of assisting the movement a particle. The success of the movement is, we believe, due to private collectors, who, instead of publishing lengthy articles on what they *intended* to do, set to work quietly, *determined* to succeed; hence their success. In all probability the bill will successfully pass its final reading.

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While speaking of duty on stamps, we might mention the state of affairs as regards this matter in Canada. In the United States, if the dealers in one town have their stamps stopped for customs duty, those in all other towns in that district will suffer likewise, for they all come through the one entry port of that district where they are stopped. Here in Canada it is different. Every inland city or town, large or small, has its custom-house. The packages are stopped at the border, and then forwarded to the town or city for which they are designated, and the customs officials of that town set the duty—not at the entry port, as it is done in the United States. Dealers and collectors in some cities and towns complain heavily of the outrageous duties levied on their stamps, but in the majority of cases the Canadian customs officials levy no duty whatever on stamps, but pass them through marked "not for duty." The publisher of this magazine imports more foreign stamps than any other dealer in Canada, yet up to the present date has never been called on to pay a single cent duty on the stamps imported. The charging of duty on stamps by their market value is sheer nonsense. What home industry is protected in so doing? None whatever. The only *lawful* way that duty may be charged on stamps is as printed matter, and if they are classed as such the duty on the rarest of stamps would only amount to a few cents a thousand.

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Postal-card collecting is slowly but surely taking a hold on certain of the Philatelic public. The adherents of this branch of our hobby increase daily, and there is no reason why it should not continue to increase. Postal cards, it is true, are not, on the whole, to be obtained as cheaply as stamps; but this latter fact only gives the collector more satisfaction after having obtained them. It is that which

is difficult to obtain that is relished most when it is procured. So it is with postal cards. A good collection of entire postal cards, especially unused ones, is an attractive and interesting study when neatly mounted. In a few years it will be impossible to form a collection of cards as easily as it can be done now. As postal-card collectors increase, the prices of cards will increase. We earnestly trust to see this branch of collection increase rapidly.

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Another branch of stamp collecting that has gained much ground of late is revenue stamp collection; and already dealers experience a brisk demand for these stamps, for which *good* prices may be obtained.—Revenue stamp collecting is just in its infancy on this Continent. The only thing that much interest was taken in was the United States revenues. In Europe, however, things have been different. For many years past the collecting of revenue on fiscal stamps has been in vogue. The prices obtained on the Continent for rare revenue stamps have been as good as those obtained for the rare postage stamps. Rare revenues are in constant demand there, and fetch *high* prices. At the present time, a fair collection of revenue stamps can be made at half the price it can be made a year hence. Why not collect revenue as well as postage stamps? If you want beautiful stamps, attractive to the eye, such are revenue stamps. If you want stamps showing the engraver's skill, revenues are the stamps. Mexican revenues have of late been *boomed* by certain U.S. firms, and justly so. They are pretty stamps, and quite worthy of a place in your collection. But there are REVENUES of *revenues*, and those are the revenue stamps of Canada, which, for beauty, color, engraving, design, etc., *excel* anything of their kind. Where can you find finer engraving than our rare Supreme Court stamps? where better designs than the old green law stamps? while the bill stamps of the first, second and other issues defy comparison. The Quebec laws, as also those of Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia, are beautiful sets. Canadian revenues comprise hundreds of varieties, all equally interesting. Start now, and begin collecting these beautiful stamps and be amply repaid. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever." As soon as the postal part of our *Canadian Stamp Catalogue* is complete, we shall begin a full and exhaustive descriptive catalogue of Canadian Revenues.

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Scott's 51st edition and standard catalogue has just been issued. The general style of the work is the same as that of the 51st edition. A notable feature of the work is the heavy advance of the stamps of British North America and the U. S. It is easily to be seen that these stamps are a *very good* investment.

Following immediately on the incorporation of the P. S. of C. came that of the A. P. A., our large sister Society. It is incorporated under the State laws of West Virginia. The February number of the *American Philatelist* contains a declaration of incorporation and other official matter. The incorporation may serve in a small degree to assist this association to stand on firmer ground, and also serve to assist in holding the membership together better than heretofore. The A. P. A. expect to amalgamate with many of the smaller societies, and in that way increase their membership. Such steps would be beneficial to both the A. P. A. and the smaller societies, giving the former better support and the and the latter the benefit of the incorporation. We trust to see the A. P. A. steadily advance, now that it has such favorable circumstances to assist its growth.

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The chief Executive Committee of the Philatelic Society of Canada has under consideration the invitation of the Ottawa Philatelic Society to hold the annual convention at Ottawa. It is altogether probable that the invitation will be accepted. Two branches now exist in Ottawa—one in the Civil Service, all of whom are over 21 years of age; and another composed of the junior collectors. The two branches hold *separate* meetings, and a joint meeting once a month, at which their monthly auction is held. The Ottawa branches have now nearly 15 active and honorary members on their roll. If the annual convention goes to Ottawa, those attending the convention can depend on having a big time. The Ottawa collectors are a fine lot of first-class entertainers. At Ottawa, the convention will be a success.

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The situation and size of our new office not being suitable for our now rapidly-increasing business, we have been obliged to remove to larger and more convenient quarters. We have secured quarters in the *new* Union Block, which is situated in the heart of the business portion of the city. All collectors passing through or stopping in London are cordially invited to call on us in our new office. In future our correspondents will please address us at 185½ Dundas street.

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Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

F. J. R., Montreal, Que.—We have made all of the necessary corrections, as per request.

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A. H. D., Chicago.—Your subscription was received all o.k. The receipt of the paper is sufficient acknowledgment of your subscription.

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C. H. P. R., Worcester, and others.—We cannot allow subscriptions to begin with back numbers, and numbers can *only* be supplied at our regular price, 10 cents each.

G. H. R., Rochester.—The stamps are all forgeries. We will return them, as requested.

Toronto, 23rd January, 1892.

Messrs. Macdougall & Robinson, Barristers,
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SIRS,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 20th enclosing Declaration of Incorporation of the Philatelic Society of Canada, which was duly filed in this office on the 22nd January instant.

Your obdt. servant,
JOHN F. C. USSHER,
Deputy-Registrar.

L. M. Stæbler, Esq.:

DEAR SIR,—I do not believe the members of the P. S. of C. know that there is a N.Y. purchasing agent. No bids were received for Scott's 110th sale. Catalogues for 111th sale have been issued, to be held February 25th; also for 2nd part Rogers' 3rd sale, closing March 5th. Catalogues can be had on application to me, and all bids received in time will be executed. Aside from attending auction sales, will the P.A. have any other duties, such as have the P.A.'s of the A.P.A.? *i.e.*, obtaining unused specimens of new issues for members at face, *plus* cost of transportation?

I have some foreign correspondents who have signified their willingness to purchase unused stamps at face; but I should not care to order unless there is some guarantee of disposing of them.

Yours truly, R. P. SPOONER,
N.Y., Feb. 6, 1892. *Purchasing Agent.*

EXECUTIVE REPORT.

The Executive Board of the Philatelic Society of Canada, after careful consideration, deem it wise to establish a *duplex* system of exchange, in order to suit the younger and less advanced collectors, who we look upon as the life of our Society. This addition to our already fine exchange system will not affect that already established, which ensures safety to all participating, and guarantees to the advanced collector the surest and best method of disposing of his duplicates. The "duplex" system will give another exchange, in which the beginners and junior collectors can participate without being put to the guarantees required in the present system now in vogue.

Your Executive have also had laid before them an invitation from the two Ottawa branches of the Society, inviting the Convention to the Capital for their first meeting. We therefore appoint Ottawa as the place of our first Convention, and the date will be left open, but will be placed by the President to immediately follow the A. P. A. Convention in August next.

(Signed)	J. R. HOOPER,	*President.*
	W. F. BEATTY, JOS. AUBE, G. B. CARY,	*Executive.*
	W. MCMAHON,	*V.P., Ont.*
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Chronicle of New Issues.

[All new issues and discoveries will be chronicled under this heading as soon as we can obtain specimens or description of same. Correspondents are requested to send any possible information as regards new issues, immediately succeeding their issue, for which proper credit will be given.]

AFGHANISTAN.—We learn from various sources that the 1 shahi, black, dated "1290" has been discovered in violet. It has been said this is a changeling, but it is a fact that black cannot be changed to violet, and that, as the 1 shahi of the next two series are found in violet, it is very probable that this is a genuine issue.

1 shahi, violet, dated "1290."

ARGENTINE.—The ¼ centavo has been redrawn, and is now printed on azure paper. The 1 centavo has been again re-engraved. The 6 centavo has also been retouched, and is now printed in a washy slate, which gives it the appearance of a lithograph.

½ c. green on azure.
1 cent again re-engraved.
6 cent slate.

BURMA.—We see by *Le Timbre Post* that the 4 annas of Sept., 1890, issue has been found lilac pink.

4 annas, *lilac pink.*

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—A new value has been added to the set issued last year, of the same design.

3p. *gray* on a *green.*

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The ½d. wrapper now comes to hand, printed in a red brown.

½d. *red brown*, white paper.

CANADA.—The die of the 1c. wrapper has been changed, and now corresponds to the new die of the post card. The change has been made by the cutting away of the scroll ornaments at the sides, as they had become worn.

Wrapper, 1c. *blue*, (die 4.)

CURACAO.—The stamps with the head of the young queen have now been printed, and are of the following values and colors:

12½c. *green*; 15c. *carmine*; 20c. *brown.*

CUBA.—We see by the *American Journal of Philately* that the colors of the current set have been changed, on account of forgeries of the old colors having been discovered, they now come to hand as follows:

½ m. *violet*, 3 m. *violet*, 2c. *lilac brown*,
1 m. *violet*, 4 m. *violet*, 2½c. *salmon*,
2 m. *violet*, 8 m. *violet*, 20c. *blue.*
1 c. *olive green*,

EGYPT.—Mr. Jos. Edwards informs us that he has seen the new 3 milliemes stamp that has just been issued, color, *purple brown*, unmarked *cresent and star* and perforated, 14.

3 m. *purple brown.*

GREECE.—We see by the *Philatelic Record* that the 2 lepta has been issued of the native printing, both perf. 11½, and unperforated.

2l. *light bistre*, perf. 11½, and unperforated.

GRENADA.—We have received specimens of the new surcharges, 2½ on 8d.

2½ on *8d. grey* brown.

INDIA.—We have received the 1½ reply card, surcharged in heavy, black block capitals, "one anna," "One anna" on ½ a. *blue* reply card.

NORTH BORNEO.—The 8 cent green now comes to hand surcharged "6 cents" in black. We hear that the stamps of this place are to supersede those of Labuan, which fact we are sorry to note.

"6 cent" in black on 8 cent green.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The design of the 1½d. card has been altered.

NORWAY.—The 1 oré stamp is now issued in dark brown, instead of gray.

1 ö. *dark brown.*

PERSIA.—We are informed that 19 *new* varieties and sub-varieties have been issued. List later. Enlarge your albums in the meanwhile.

PORTO RICO.—The following new stamps have been received, old design, but new colors. That baby king is fond of new colors and gay apparel.

½m. olive green, 3c. red,
1m. bright violet, 5c. blue green,
2m. brown violet, 8c. brown,
8m. yellow green, 20c. mauve,
1c. red brown, 80c. orange.

QUEENSLAND.—A new 1½ card has been issued, and is of very artistic design. It is also accompanied by reply to match.

1½ brown, buff P.
1½ x 1½ brown, buff P.

ST. LUCIA.—A shortage of the ½ and 1d. stamp gives us the following new var. of provisionals.

½d. on 3d. lilac and green, black surcharge.
½ on vertical half of 6d. black and blue, black
1p. on 4d. brown, black surcharge. [surcharge.

SOKOTRA.—In addition to the adhesives for use in this Island, a post card, value ½ anna has also been issued. It is made from the 1 piaster, carmine on buff of Cyprus, by printing "Sokotra Island" in thick type over Cyprus, and surcharging stamp in Indian currency.—*Philatelic Record.*

½ anna on 1 piaster, carmine on buff, black surcharge.

SWAZIELAND.—In each sheet of current 2d. stamp, the stamp in the lower left corner is without the final "d."

2d. *olive green* (error Swazielan.)

Written for the CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

GENERAL COLLECTING vs. SPECIALISM.

BY J. BERNSTEIN, JR.

I notice in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST, an article headed, "Specialists and Specialism," by a subscriber, which is very good as far as the *pros* are concerned, but is the contrary as to the *cons*, which, by the way, is crowded out, (perhaps for lack of space.) Mr. Subscriber begins with the steady advance of price in the older issues of nearly every stamp-issuing country in the world, and that the cause of this is the decline of general collecting, and the rapid increase of specialism. Now that may be the case as far as the advance of stamps is concerned, but the increase of specialism is *not* the cause. As a rule, as every one with common sense knows, it is certainly the older issues that advance in price. Surely no one expects the stamps of the present issues to advance. So the older issues advance, not because it is a result of specialism, but simply because it becomes older and therefore rarer year by year, thus Mr. Subscriber's theory is not correct. I cannot, in any way, see the great advantages the specialist has over the general collector. I daresay that no collector can form a complete collection of all countries; but that is no reason to turn to a special country so as to obtain a complete collection of that country. Now, supposing that the specialist has gratified his wish and is the owner of a collection of a *certain* country; has he gained anything in knowledge? in science? in historical or geographical culture? or in anything else worth mentioning? He has, without doubt gained in wealth (?) *selling* his stamps, which have increased in price, at the end of five or ten years. But such is not Philately. It has never been meant as a money-making scheme. It has a nobler aim than that—far more noble. The real pleasure of Philately it not found in the attainment of a complete collection, but in the pursuit of the same. Specialism frames stamp-collecting in a hobby, a child's play, and, outside of possessing a few pieces of paper that will bring in money at a future date, it is a mere nothing. As specialists, we can never term Philately by its true name—a science—which we are so proud of mentioning. It turns its back to the hobby of some time ago. Do you think then, that specialism is the right promoter of Philately. I think it is not. It is a tendency to the opposite of any welfare of Philately, as every one will decide at once. The writer goes on to say that the reason why collectors turn away from general collecting is because, in their grasp for everything, they neglect the older issues that so rise in value. That, I think, is true of the inexperienced and selfish collector who is so ready for his grasp. The wise collector, however, is not so foolhardy, but only moderately reaches over for the older issues before they advance, and leaves the present issues, *if he has not the means to include them also*, to a later date. At any rate, the collector should remember, that, "variety is the spice of life." Not only the beginner and young collector, as the writer of that new doctrine asserts, should be general collectors, but old and advanced collectors must not, as Philatelists, take up any other branch of collecting, but that which is general collecting. There is another objection to this "Specialism scheme," unless the collector has unlimited means, he cannot specialize his collection, if he has that desire. Do you think that if a collector makes North American Stamps his specialty, does he have the advantage of that which we pride ourselves. Fancy the historian, geographist, geologist, or philosopher studying only part of their respective specialties. That seems absurd, and still more seems specialism in a scientific culture. Or does the specialist who is in South America lay his nest profit any better? Or has the European specialist a better result? No, a thousand times no! They all tend to the same object, and that is, breaking up the ground work of philately, which our more advanced and learned philatelists have spent their energy on. The only point which I admire in Mr. Subscriber's article is his frankness in his criticism of specialists of *too great ambition* (of course they are all ambitious.) He characterizes Monsieur Française, Herr Deutch and Mr. Henglishman in their respective typical styles, and their connections with specialism. And yet he still, in the face of this, strongly persists in his study and lore of specialism. That is a very great example of specialistic ambition which "Subscriber" fails to mention. He has so much ambition, that he lacks the energy of considering in a rightful manner the *pros* of general collecting and the *cons* of specialism, but on the contrary, does not forget the *vice versa* of that. There is certainly no objection for any collector to give more special attention to his own country than to any other, for that is only natural, and indeed shows a good patriotic tendency in the stamp collector's

characteristics. But there is no need of any broader specialty.

I may add, in conclusion, that Mr. Subscriber errs in his belief that specialism is growing. It is rather more on the other side. Trusting that this will turn some to the right, I thank you for your valuable space.

For the CANADIAN PHILATELIST:

HOW I FOUND SOME "RARETIES."

BY O. ED. KLAPP.

Like all other collectors, my collection was very small at first, but as I became interested in stamps more and more, I commenced searching the "lofts and garrets", and found there stored away a few valuable specimens of the 3 cent green. Besides those there were numerous others, with some small catalogue value; these filled my stamp album pretty well, and made my collection amount to nearly one thousand varieties in all.

My interest in stamps grew less day by day for nearly two months, when I had the pleasure of visiting one of my neighboring cities. After staying there several days, my friend and I went to an old "rubbish" room which was at one time an old store room of a wholesale grocery. In this room was placed all of their deeds, documents, letters, etc. There was a scene that would wake up the dullest of philatelists, for around us on either side were bundles of letters, postals and documents of all kinds. The first thing that I laid my eyes upon was a letter dated 1849, upon which was two unsevered 5 cent brown, first issue. This was just a commencement; next I found a document with one $5 unp. rev. stamp cat. at $2.50, also eight $1 stamps. We next found in an old letter a block of six unused 3 cent blue, 1869; on a box full of bank cheques we got about 7000 bank cheque rev. stamps, 200 blue and orange express stamps, a few proprietary, and last but not least, 41 2 cent orange playing cards stamps. After searching around a little while longer, I came across a bundle of unused U. S. postal cards, 3rd issue, about 350 in all. There were also several packages of stamped envelopes, mostly the 2 cent brown and carmine. After we had both been searching for several hours we went home rejoicing, and found on looking over our "treasures," that they catalogued at no less than $80. The above is my own experience, and is actually true.

Literary Review.

[All philatelic publications received are reviewed under this heading in a fair and impartial manner. Exchanges are requested to send two copies.]

The *Chicago Stamp News* for February comes to hand improved with the addition of a *Chronicle*.

The *Stamp Collector* for February comes from over the water and contains some interesting matter.

The *Collector* for February comes to hand like clockwork. It is composed mostly of official matter of the *Sons of Philately*.

The last of the new aspirants to come to hand this month is the *Royal Philatelist*, from Sterling, N. Y. 8 pages and cover.

The *Curio* comes to hand after a long absence, composed of almost all advertisements. We trust to receive its visits regular in the future.

The *Missouri Philatelist* for February comes to hand promptly. It is one of the neatest and most carefully prepared papers in America, its size considered. See adv. of the publishers in this number.

The February *American Philatelist and Collector* comes to hand *very late*. It contains report of the close of their voting contest, *in which* Mr. J. K. Tiffany, of St. Louis, Mo., is *made* the most popular philatelist in America.

The *American Journal of Philately* is the best of our exchanges, and also the most prompt. Our limited space will not permit us to review the choice contents. Published by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., New York, N. Y.

The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* is a valuable little paper, but would be appreciated to a greater extent if its editor would expend a small sum towards providing better paper for the same. Guy W. Green, Stormsburg, Neb., publisher.

The *Ontario Philatelist* is announced to appear from Brantford, Ont., on or about May 1. Two P. S. of C. members at the helm. W. S. Smart, editor; N. T. Johnston,

business manager. We extend our best wishes for its success.

The *Postal Card* has been resurrected. It appears from Elizabeth, N. J., with Geo. H. Watson and Adolph H. Lohmeyer as editors. Instead of being a semi-monthly as it was heretofore, it comes to hand as a monthly. We welcome it back into the ranks. .

The February *Philatelic Era* is up to its usual standard, and is composed of choice philatelic reading, among which we note: some poetry on "An old Album"; articles on "Why should not Philately live?" "A new(?) way of detecting substitutes," and choice and crisp editorial notes and a Chronicle. W. W. Jewett, 502 Congress-st., Portland, Me., is the publisher.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

Minneapolis, Minn. 25th, 1892.

J.S. ROBERTSON, ESQ.,
St. Thomas, Ont.

MY DEAR SIR,—Received last number of Canadian Philatelist, and note that exchange dept. is in working order. I wish to participate; enclosed find fifty cents to pay for ten sheets. I mean to try good stamps, and I think your scheme an admirable one. We are not afraid to place our stamps on circuits, under such conditions. Please furnish the blanks referred to, and I will have them properly filled, and return with filled sheets.

I remain, yours very truly,
N. E. CARTER,
Member P. S. of C., No. 48.
Present address, P. O. Box 430, Minneapolis, Minn.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST:

DEAR SIR,—As the person who obtained the incorporation of the P. S. of C., I am greatly interested, and naturally so, in the well-being of the Society and in seeing its prospects set fairly and fully before the Philatelic public, and especially that portion thereof residing in Canada, and I respectfully urge on all of them who are desirous of ascertaining facts for themselves to look at those portions of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1887 (which, for short, I will hereafter refer to as R.S.O.), and decide for themselves the amount of reliance that is to be placed in such effusions as the following, which I clip from the February number of the *Dominion Philatelist:*

"We have carefully read over the Declaration of Incorporation of the Philatelic Society of Canada, and must say we are very much disappointed with the manner in which this Society is incorporated. Here is what the Judge who signed the paper says: 'The within Declaration appears to be in conformity with the Act, and this certificate is given by me in pursuance of the said Act, and the provisions thereof.' The incorporation is merely a local affair. All the officers must reside in the Province of Ontario. The Act under which it is incorporated was intended for the purpose of incorporating agricultural societies, school sections, etc. Better have no incorporation at all than a one-horse affair like this."

It is usual that a person who attempts to criticise any particular matter should have, first, the knowledge and ability to do so; and secondly, the desire fairly and truthfully to state the facts on which that criticism is based.

Now, I find in the above, with the exception of the statement that he is very much disappointed (which no reasonable person can wonder at, as the extract, which is found on page 19 of the February number of the *Dominion Philatelist*, is an effusion of the editor thereof, the exchange superintendent, and the controlling influence of the rival Society, the C.P.A), at the incorporation of the P.S. of C., certain objections, which may be divided into four critical assertions as follows:

(*a*) Only certified by a Judge;
(*b*) Incorporation local;
(*c*) Officers must reside in Ontario;
(*d*) Incorporation Act was intended for incorporating agricultural societies, school sections, etc.;

And my object in writing this is to show that all such objections are groundless; that the facts they are based on do not exist; and then I will ask my readers to adopt the only rational conclusion that this effusion (I cannot call it a criticism, as it lacks the essentials of a criticism, viz., truth and knowledge) was conceived in jealousy and brought forth in spite.

Now, let us look at the Act of Parliament under which we are incorporated. Let the reader call at any lawyer's office or on any justice of the peace, and let him ask such person for the second volume of R.S.O., and turn to page 1692, being chapter 172, "An Act respecting Benevolent, Provident and other Societies," and he will find the first two sections of that Act enact as follows:

1. "Any five or more persons, of full age, may become incorporated under this Act for any benevolent or provident purpose, or for any other purpose not illegal, save and except the purpose of trade or business; and any purpose provided for by any of the Acts mentioned in the schedule to this Act."—R.S.O., 1877, c. 167, s. 1.

2. "The proceedings to obtain incorporation shall be as follows:

1. "Such persons shall make and sign a declaration in writing setting forth the intended incorporate name of the Society, the purpose of the Society, the names of those who are to be first trustees or managing officers, the mode in which their successors are to be appointed, and such other particulars and provisions as the Society may think fit, provided that the said particulars and provisions are not contrary to law.

2. "The declaration may be made and signed in duplicate, or in as many parts as may be required.

3. "The declaration may be produced to a Judge of the High Court, or to a Judge or Junior or Deputy Judge of a County Court, or to a Stipendiary Magistrate; and if the same appears to him to be in conformity with this Act, he shall endorse thereon a certificate to that effect.

4. "One of the original parts of the declaration shall be filed in the office of either the Provincial Registrar or the Clerk of the Peace for the county or union of counties in which the Society is to hold its annual and general meetings.

5. "When these directions have been complied with, the persons who signed the declaration shall thereby become, and they, their associates and successors, shall thenceforward be a body corporate and politic, and shall have the powers, rights and immunities vested by law in such bodies."—R.S.O., 1877, c. 167, s. 2.

With the exception of companies organized for the purposes of trade or business (for which incorporation must be sought under R.S.O., 157), or the fifteen kinds of companies expressly referred to in the schedule of R S.O., 172, there is no provision whatever for incorporation in the laws either of this Province or the Dominion except by special Act, it being the intention that all other kinds of companies, or, more properly speaking, all companies for other objects than those mentioned, should use this Act. It provides a cheap, sure and expeditious way to incorporate, and the effect of the Judge's certificate is, as above, that "the persons who signed the declaration shall thereby become, and they, their associates and successors, shall thenceforward be a body corporate and politic, and shall have the powers, rights and immunities vested by law in such bodies." I need only refer to the Independent Order of Foresters and the Provincial Provident Institution, two of the largest Mutual Life Insurance Companies doing business in this Dominion, whose operations extend from Nova Scotia to British Columbia, and even through many parts of the States, and which are both incorporated under the same Act that we are, to show how untrue, uncalled-for and malicious is this young man's reference to a "one-horse affair." Insurance, pure and simple, being under the jurisdiction of the Federal Parliament, the I.O.F. obtained a special Act of Incorporation from that body, fearing that a question might arise at some time; but the P. P. I. being satisfied that the Act was sufficient, relied solely upon that, and its validity was upheld by the highest Court of Appeal in Ontario. This young man can find that decision in volume No. 17 of the Reports of the Court of Appeal for Ontario, at p. 66. So far for objection (*a*).

As far as objection (*b*) is concerned, all I have to say is, that there is nothing either in the Act itself under which the Society is incorporated or the declaration of incorporation itself which does or can, by any stretch of a healthy imagination, possibly, directly or indirectly, be construed to limit the Society to a purely local affair. True, its head-office is in St. Thomas, but it must be in SOME place, and so as well here as any place, seeing that at the general meeting—which is, of course, held at the head-office—nothing can be done *except what is authorized at the meeting of the members*, which can be held at ANY place. Every Society *must*, of necessity, have a head-office. The Bank of Montreal's head-office is in Montreal, so is the C.P.R.'s, yet the former has branches in London (Eng.), New York, Chicago, and all the cities and most of the towns of Canada, and the latter has property in all parts of the Dominion and States; yet who ever heard anyone say they were *local* because their head-offices were in Montreal? Forsooth! The only way evidently in our criticizer's opinion to escape being merely local is to be in the position of the C P.R, without head, tail or body—a being that can be found in any place, and which is,

> "Like the wandering dove that found
> No repose in earth around,"

but unlike it in so far as it

> "Cannot to its ark repair,
> And enjoy it ever there,"

because it has no ark and no abiding place, but is like the Wandering Jew and itinerates from place to place without home, shelter or friend, scorned and rejected of men, a thing of sorrow and acquainted with grief; forsaken by its friends, like the Joseph of old, it has fallen among enemies in the guise of friends, and its decimated ranks are now anxious to recruit its membership at the expense of others.—Like a drowning man, it grasps at straws, and the exchange superintendent and general controller, boss, financier, secretary and governor combined, thinks he can, by such articles as the one we refer to, vilify his opponents and glorify himself. It needs but exposure to prove their unreliability.

As to objection (*c*), there is not one word either in the Act under which we are incorporated or the articles of incorporation which enacts that the officers must reside in Ontario. As a matter of fact, *they do not*, as our criticiser will see if he looks at page 69 of the January number of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST. Why does the editor of the *Dominion Philatelist* make such absolutely untrue statements? Can it be for any other reason than to decry our Society and prejudice people against it? I may state further, for the information of our wise legal friend and criticiser, Mr. Ketcheson, editor of the *Dominion Philatelist*, exchange superintendent of the C.P.A., the most extensive dealer in stamps and advertiser of pills and patent medicines (*vide Dominion Philatelist*), who has "*carefully read our declaration of incorporation*," and is *greatly disappointed because the officers of the P. S. of C.* (in his own opinion) *must be residents of Ontario*," that I have now in my possession a letter from the Department of the Attorney-General (perhaps Mr. Ketcheson has heard of Mr. Mowat and his reputation as a constitutional lawyer), in which it is stated that the Assistant Attorney-General is "instructed by the Attorney-General to state that he sees no reason why a company composed *wholly of American citizens* cannot be incorporated under Ontario statutes," which was written in respect of a company I was incorporating under the same statute, but, of course, for business reasons I withhold the company's name; however, he can see the original if he likes to come to my office. I trust my readers will find no difficulty in deciding which opinion is entitled to the most value—Mr. Mowat's or Mr. Ketcheson's.

As to objection (*d*), this is positively untrue, as any lawyer or justice of the peace will tell any reader. The vague generality of the "etc." I cannot deal with, but, as Shakespeare says, can give the "lie direct" in regard to agricultural societies, school sections, etc. Agricultural societies are incorporated under R.S.O., chap. 162, and are expressly exempted, in the schedule to R.S O., 172, from the operation of that Act. School sections are a portion or section of the municipal government wholly different from any society or company, and exprsesly provided for in R. S. O., 225, and are formed by township, city, village and town municipal councils, and the trustees elected by the ratepayers.

I regret to have taken up so much space, but I must admit I have rarely met such stupendous ignorance displayed by any one who attempted to criticise as the editor of the *Dominion Philatelist* has displayed in his unjust attack on the P.S. of C., and will, in conclusion, give him the advice of the English statesman who advised a young writer "to get a slight knowledge at least of his subject before he wrote, or leave it alone."

Yours truly, J. S. ROBERTSON, *Ex. Supt.*

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EX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Fellow-Members P. S. of C. :

I have to report considerable enquiry regarding my department, and also that I am ready for work. I was delayed first by finding the sheets I had ordered would not suit, and consequently I had to get others ruled and printed. An election (in which I took a considerable part, but in which, unfortunately, my party did not succeed) then took up considerable time ; and then the addition of a new department caused me to alter many of my plans ; but " I am now settled and ready for visitors."

There will be two circuits—a guaranteed one and an unguaranteed one. Owners of stamps must choose which they want their sheets circulated in. If in the former, they must remember that as it is a new idea in Philatelic societies, it may be longer before I can arrange good circuits. In reference to this, I refer you to a letter in another part of this number from Mr. Carter. Other advanced Philatelists no doubt think as he does, and in time this will be the best exchange department on the continent. In reference to the other branch, owners must remember it is easier to sell than collect, and if delays occur, the department should not be blamed. All members who take unguaranteed sheets must sign the same agreement as the others without a guarantee attached. One good solvent member will be acceptable for another, so I would advise ALL to go into the guaranteed branch if they want the better class of stamps, and feel sure owners will not want, after the past experience of exchange departments in other societies, to put their good stamps in an unguaranteed exchange. I have made circuits only six members, so that I can debit and credit quickly. This just costs me three times as much postage as an 18-member circuit. I will have to make this up in fines for not forwarding in three days, so members must not keep over the time. If I can keep short-time circuits, I am perfectly willing to pay the additional postage. I trust all members will at once send in for sheets and agreements, and be prompt in forwarding and remitting both cash and the particulars of their takings, and so keep the official collector with time instead of work on his hands.

Yours, etc., J. S. ROBERTSON, *Ex. Supt.*

SECRETARY-TREASURERS REPORT.

No objection having been received, the following are elected and entitled to the full benefits of membership.

NEW MEMBERS.

No.
238 H. E. Deats, Flemington, N.J.
239 A. Corbman, Midland, Ont.
240 G. G. Ford, 50 W. St. Paul-St., Rochester, N.Y.
241 S. H. Saunders, Hanover, Ont.
242 Guy Watson, Hamilton, Ont.
243 G. H. Lowe, Spadina Avenue, Toronto, Ont.
244 F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket. N.H.
245 C. P. Newcomer, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
247 S. C. Everett, 87 Broad-St., St. John, N.B.
248 G. S. McCord, Sackville, N.S
249 F. L. George, Portsmouth, N.H.
250 E. H. Remmington, Brockton, Mass.
251 F. Honore, Ottawa, Ont.
252 J. A. Craig, Chemist, Yarmouth, N.S.
253 Geo. Black, Chelsea Road, Hull, Quebec.
254 L. L. Brophy, Geological Survey, Ottawa, Ont.
255 H. P. Brummel, Geological Survey, Ottawa, Ont.
256 H. Valin, 205 Wilrod-St., Ottawa, Ont.
257 Eugene Lebeuf, care of Panama Railroad Co., Colon, U.S. of Columbia.

APPLICATIONS.

DUNCAN S. WYLIE, 60 Broadway, New York.
References—J. R. Hooper and W. J. Beatty.

ALBERT R. ROGERS, 75 Maiden Lane, N.Y.
References—J. R. Hooper and W. J. Beatty.

JOHN THOMPSON, care of Y.M.C.A., Quebec, Que.
References—J. R. Hooper and G. Hooper.

H. W. LIDDICOATT, St. James' St., London.
References—L. M. Stæbler and G. Bailey.

G. E. DAVENPORT, South London, Ont.
References—L. M. Stæbler and W. McMahon.

W. J. MCDONALD, 249 E. Tremont St., Fostoria, O.
References—L. M. Stæbler and R. M. Miller.

GEO. L. GRAY, Ithaca, New York.
References—F. C. Anderson and W. J. Beatty.

Dues received since the last report: Nos. 155, 225, 2. 14. 257. 238, 244, 247, 248, 249, 250. The dues

of *nearly* all members are paid, but there are still a few who have not yet paid their dues, and such are requested to have same on hand before my next report.

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

Membership heretofore reported,	237
New members,	19
Applications,	7
Less Resignations,	0

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Yours in P.S. of C.,

L. M. STÆBLER, *Sec.-Treasurer.*

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

THE PROPOSED NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

To Editor Montreal Star:

Sir—I notice in your issue of the 19th inst. a suggestion by "Philately," which I believe ought to receive a much broader consideration than it now does. It is, in a certain measure, a suggestion of greater importance than seems to the bare mind. The writer intimates that the Government should make especial postage stamps, in view of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of this city. To my mind, this statement has two attractions worthy of note: First in importance is the knowledge that such an action will serve as a memorial in years to come, and tend to bring up pleasant memories in the minds of our offsprings. And, secondly, it will not only remind our own subjects of this especial ferture, but will also tend to place Canada, and even Montreal, in a more broad-minded sphere of existence in the world than it now enjoys. Then, again, it is a certain attraction also to scientific researches of the present days, among them those interested in philately, a science which is fast finding its way among the more intelligent and aristocratic class of researches, and which is very extensively practised in circles of royalty and nobility. I hope that the Government will consider the *pros* and *cons* of the matter, and I only beg to remind all of the jubilee stamp of our Mother Country and the living monument it affords in the hearts of all patriots. Trusting for a favorable result, I thank you for the use of your most valuable space. J. BERNSTEIN, jr.

THE CZAR DOESN'T WANT STAMPS.—Different monarchs have different manners. When Her Majesty Queen Victoria receives one of those innumerable gifts of every kind, from a pin cushion to an Indian shawl, which it is the lot of kings and queens to receive, she acknowledges it with a courteous letter, and, except in very rare cases, accepts the gift in the spirit of which it is offered. His Imperial Majesty, the Czar of all the Russias, does business on a different plan, at least so it would seem from a letter received by Mr. Glackmeyer, the City Clerk, yesterday. Some time ago Mr. S. Burford Gibson, of Montreal, sent the Czar a collection of 53 postage stamps of every nation on the American Continent, neatly pasted on a sheet of paper. It was an interesting philatelic exhibit, and was no doubt offered in a gracious spirit. But the Czar did not look at it in that light and returned the stamps to the Russian Imperial Embassy in London, with the request that, owing to the absence of Russian Representatives in Canada, it should be sent to the Canadian Government for transmission to the sender.—*Montreal Gazette.*

POST OFFICE ROBBERIES.—SMART SENTENCES.—*Henry Burgoyne Bassey*, 34, postman, and *William Bassey*, 56, clerk, pleaded "guilty," the former to stealing, and the latter to receiving, a letter, the property of the Postmaster General. The commissioner sentenced William Bassey to five years' penal servitude, and the other prisoner to three years.—*Walter Coates*, 16, pleaded "guilty" to stealing a post packet containing cigarettes. He was sentenced to twelve months' hard labor.—*Henry Hearne*, 19, a letter carrier, was sentenced to six months' hard labor for letter stealing.

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EDITORIAL.

APOLOGY.—Last month the editor of this paper was busy with outside business, and was unable to oversee the arrangement of the paper and proof-reading, as it is his custom to do, and the work was entrusted to other hands. As a result of this, several bad typographical errors made their appearance owing to careless and indifferent proof-reading. One of the worst of these errors to which we desire to call attention occurred in the third sentence of the first editorial item on page 90, in which case, the word "sent" appeared in place of the proper word, "semi". Special care will in future be taken to prevent the appearance of such errors as these.

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We notice a general improvement in the quality of our philatelic literature, and we are pleased to mention it. The small, worthless, trashy papers seem to be on a decline, while our better papers are constantly improving.

Not only has the P. S. of C. the best exchange department, but it has also the best collecting agency in existence. Mr. Miller is a hustler, and his plans for debt collecting and fraud prosecuting are perfect; not only this, but Mr. Miller carries these plans out to the *letter*. The great and only drawback and bane of philately are the *approval sheet dead beats* and forgers, who, by their unlawful and detestable practices, cause much inconvenience to our calling and much discredit to be thrown upon it by the outside world. Frauds are given too much encouragement; when they find they can successfully swindle a dealer once and have no more done against them than the mere publication of their name as a *fraud*, it leads them to try again and again their fraudulent practices. If dealers instead of merely publishing the names of frauds, *would prosecute them*, there would be an end to this thieving, when they found they had the law to deal with, they would "*quiet down*". Mr. Miller will take the most severe steps against all cases of fraud placed in his hands by *members*, and the chances of *one* of these "*rascals*" escaping is very limited. Put your cases in our Official Collector's hands.

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Among the prominent Philatelists who have called on us during the past month were Mr. E. Y. Parker, a prominent Toronto dealer; Mr. J. S. Robertson, of St. Thomas, the Exchange Superintendent of the P. S. of C., Mr. L. Miller, of Toronto, the Official Collector of the P. S. of C., and others. Our office is now situated in the heart of the business part of the city, within two minutes' walk of the G. T. R. station, and we should be pleased to have all philatelists who are passing through or stopping at London to give us a call, and they will be cordially welcomed.

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Business is reported brisk all over this continent and Europe, and dealers have all they can attend to, *in fact* a little more. Never have collectors been so numerous nor so enthusiastic as now, and the steady advance in philately is becoming more and more apparent day by day. The leading Canadian, English and American newspapers are now beginning to publish occasional articles on philately, and the public now regard it more in its proper light than they have done in the past. The editor feels assured that Philately will continue to increase in the future, even more so than heretofore.

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We are again obliged to announce that all subscriptions *must* begin with the current number; back numbers are *very* scarce, as we reserve only a few of each number, in order to give our advertisers the advantage of every possible copy printed. We have a *few* back numbers left and will supply them *while* they last at 10 cents each, except No. 7, which is 25 cents. These numbers are sold to subscribers only.

Collectors should take more active interest in inducing their friends to start the formation of a collection. How easily it is done ! Those common and (to you) useless duplicates you have lying around; what good do they do you? Would it not be better to put them to a good use? Give them to some friend whom you think would be apt to form a collection. We have known of scores of collectors who have started their collection by a slight act of some friend who gave them a few duplicates. Start your friends now.

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There are some two or three P. S. of C. members who have of late not being conducting their dealings with their brother collectors in a honest and straightforward manner. Such must not and cannot be allowed to pass unobserved. The by-laws of the society are very stringent on this point, and on complaint to the executive, the offending member will be tried; and if found guilty, the executive have full and *lawful* authority to expel said member, and take such steps as they may deem wise. We would warn these members. Pay up your liabilities in an honest way. Do not have it necessary for your case to be brought before the executive. We trust that these members may profit by this timely and friendly warning.

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It is possible that but few of our readers understand the distinction and difference between the Hartford and Philadelphia *dies* of the Centennial envelope. For such as do not, the following short explanation may throw some light on the subject. The envelopes were first printed in Hartford, but the *die* was removed to Philadelphia during the exhibition, and on its removal, the line under the word "postage" in some way became injured, and to remedy it the line was re-engraved, making a double line of it; therefore the distinction is:—the Hartford die has a single line under "postage," while the Philadelphia die has a double line.

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THE SEA POST-OFFICES.—Much has been said in regard to their establishment and trial. When matter relative to the same was published in the various Philatelic magazines, collectors gave it but little attention, looking on it as merely an item published to fill up space. It should not be regarded in that light, for the sea post-offices will be an important factor to the collector or dealer who has any foreign correspondence whatever. When the mail for this country is sorted coming over on the ship, it can be immediately forwarded to its destination on reaching New York, instead of being subjected to a delay of two or three days, as has been the case in the past. Collectors all know what a few days' delay means, when it is considered that foreign correspondents are generally slow.

Five or six years hence, the *Philatelist* of that day will most likely be filled with articles discussing the "Great Canada Provisionals of 1892." For the benefit of the *learned* publishers of that day we may cite an example: Mr. N. F. Johnston, of Brantford, Ont., had a letter posted to him by a collector of that city, which bore the lower diagonal half of a current 3 cent stamp. This *new* provisional came safely through the post-office, finally cancelled by the Brantford postmaster, and, furthermore, no *due postage* was charged, although not a government issue. Mr. Johnston informs us that he values it highly, and that, as the government accepted it as postage, he considers it worthy of place in his collection, it being carefully preserved on the original envelope.

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Collectors please note ! We have discontinued to send sheets to agents, etc. Lack of necessary time on account of rapid increase of the sale of our packets and mixtures. The large number of collectors who have hitherto handled our sheets are requested to give their patronage to some of the dealers who advertise in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST

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Our price lists on the *cover* have been thoroughly gone over, and been almost entirely changed this month. The quality of goods offered has been improved, and we would ask you to examine the same, and we feel sure that it will *result* in an order and your future patronage. We introduce this month a series of dealers' and collectors' stocks, which we feel sure will meet your approval. Dealers, try our "fine mixtures," and you will use no others. See revised list on last page of cover.

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Auction catalogues for the the coming sales of the National Philatelic Society, New York; S. J. Bradt & Co., Chicago; Bogert Dubrin & Co., New York, and W. Sellschopp & Co., San Francisco, have been received, for which we thank the cataloguers.

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Literary Review.

[All philatelic publications received are reviewed under this heading in a fair and impartial manner. Exchanges are requested to send two copies.]

The *Dominion Philatelist* for March is composed mainly of C. P. A. and reprinted matter.

The March *Chicago Stamp News* contains some C. P. S. news, and—publisher's advertisements.

One Dime for March is on our table, composed mainly of notes and short items. It hails from Kossuth, Ind.

The *Philatelic Tribune*, now in its 70th number, commences with its issue of April 1st as a semi-monthly magazine.

We are in receipt of Nos. 1 and 2 of the *Philatelic Argosy*, published by Frank R. Hoyt, of Drawer 156, Buffalo N. Y.

The *Stamp Collectors' Monthly* is a bright little contemporary from over the water. Published at Kingston-on-the-Thames, England.

The Country Youth is an interesting monthly for country boys and girls, and contains a philatelic department. It hails from Milwaukee, Wis.

The *Stamp Collector* for March contains much interesting matter; well written editorials, and short articles. Published at 62 Ramsay Road, Forest Gate, England.

We have for the first time seen that peer of English Stamp Magazines, the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*. The editor has our thanks for two files of vol. 2, to date.

The publishers of that aristocrat of the South, the *Southern Philatelist*, have at last seen fit to place us on their exchange list. Many thanks for your kindness, Bro. Luhn.

We are pleased to see that *The American Philatelist and Collector* is typographically improving. The March issue now before us contains some short, interesting articles.

The Stamp News and Philatelic Record are both up to their usual fine standard of excellence, and we regret that space will not permit the review of the same. Theo. Buhl & Co., 11 Queen Victoria Street, London, E. C., are the publishers.

The *Philatelic Monthly* for April was the first April philatelic magazine to put in an appearance. Although there is but little reading in it, its promptness is a worthy feature.

We are in receipt of auction catalogues of the sales of:—C. H. Holden, Port Dover, Ont.; Albrecht & Witt, and Bogert & Durbin, of N. Y.; S. B. Bradt, Chicago, and T. S. Clark, of Belleville. The Cataloguers have our thanks.

We had given the *New Hampshire Philatelist* up as "*dead and gone*," but we had the honor of a visit from its January issue a few days since. The cause of the delay was the editor's serious illness. We are glad to welcome our little contemprorary back to the ranks again.

The Collector for March contains *some* interesting articles, and the size of the pages is further enlarged. Publishers who change the size of the page of their paper should only do so at the end of a volume, as such changes in the middle of a volume put a subscriber who wishes to bind his papers to great inconvenience.

We have before us the initial (March 15th) number, of the *Long Island Philatelist*. It is somewhat better than the former effort of Mr. Ashcroft, but a large portion of its space throughout the whole paper is devoted to back-biting The Rice Advertising Agency. A publisher ambitious of the approbation of the Philatelic public, should be *a little* careful.

The *Eastern Philatelist* for March, as usual, is *full* of interesting reading. It contains articles on "The designs of postage stamps;" "A Philatelist's Misfortune;" "Specialism vs. General Collecting;" "Philatelic Reminiscences;" "Philately's object," etc. It also contains a number of well written editorials. See advertisement of the publisher in this number.

Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal for February is at hand. It contains editorial notes; a very large chronicle; "The Lametia Reprints;" "Reminiscences;" "Some more information on the London Philatelic Trials;" "The Government Postal Issues of the Confederate States of America;" "Notes and News," etc., etc. Price, 4 s. per year, post free. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, 8 Grower-St., London, W. C.

We have also received, in addition to those reviewed:—*Skandinavish Frimærke Tidende*, *The Eastern Stamp*, *Empire State Stamp Journal*, *The North Western Monthly*, *American Philatelist*, *Eagle Philatelist*, *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, *Philatelic Journal of America*, *Post Office*, *Curiosity Collector*, *United Association Philatelic*, *La Echo de la Timberlogie*. Truly the field of Philatelic Journalism is at present in a healthy condition.

THE PHILATELIC FAIRIE'S REVELRY.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

Between the dark and daybreak,
In twilight's witching hour,
O'er all reposing nature
There broods a magic pow'r;
'Tis then from out my album
There sounds a gladsome chime,
And dainty feet approaching
To cheerful notes beat time.

My stamps have sent their fairies
To join the merry dance,
And each is blithe and happy,
Each throws croquettish glance;
The air is filled with gladness,
Dull care is far away,
The elves of dance and music
Triumphant hold their sway.

The changing mass of color
Redims my dazzled sight,
Magentas, browns and purples
Appear on left and right;
The rainbow flings his streamers
The tripping forms around,
And clearer yet and clearer
The walls throw back the sound.

A sudden move, a scurry
Of anxious, hastening feet;
Bright colors quickly fading,
Where light and shadow meet;
A trembling flash of crimson
Athwart the eastern sky;
My fairies gone and vanished,
Alone at dawn am I.

SPECIALISTS AND SPECIALISM.

Second Paper.

BY A SUBSCRIBER.

Have just received the March number of your esteemed paper, and notice there is an *attempt* at criticism of my short article which appeared in your February issue. One of the first things one who attempts to criticise should do is to keep to the truth and not to go contrary to it in order to carry a point. In the first place Mr. Bernstein admits that the older issues are going, but he asserts that specialism has nothing to do with the rise. He makes the assertion but does not prove it. I say most decidedly that specialism is the *main* cause of this rapid rise in prices. Why? Well, it is a well known fact that a general collector (as a rule) does not go into the sub-varieties of a stamp as do the specialists now; the specialist will, in most cases, have at least three or four varieties of the same stamp of an old issue, general collectors one. Therefore it follows that if a specialist has need for three or four varieties of that certain stamp while the general collector uses but one, it shows *clearly* that specialism makes the demand for that stamp four times greater; it follows that the stamp itself must increase in value on account of the increased demand. So Mr. Bernstein errs in his argument (?) that specialism does not tend to aid the increase in value of the older issues. Secondly, he says, "*Everyone with common sense knows it is certainly the older issues that advance. No one expects the new issues to advance.*" If my worthy friend had a little more common sense he would never have made such a statement as the above. *All* old issues do not advance; take our common 1d. red stamp of England. Is that not an old issue, Mr. Bernstein? Yes, most certainly, but is it increasing in value? By no means, they are scarcely worth their price as waste paper here in England. Further, Mr. Bernstein is far from correct in his statement that new issues *do not* become *rare*. He is far from correct, for had I space I could cite scores of examples of recently issued stamps which are now classed as rare. Thirdly, Mr. Bernstein asserts that when the specialist has gained a complete collection of any country he has gained nothing in knowledge, science, historical or geographical culture. I would venture to assert that the knowledge of a specialist at the end of ten years would be of more account and use to him than all my worthy friend B. could learn from his general collection in a like period of time. The specialist *studies* his stamps—searching out their minute difference, points of beauty, and historical relations. The general collector's collection is larger than that of the specialist, and he therefore can not give each stamp the same studious attention as does the specialist. He glances at *this* country, looks at *that*, 'here a little and there a little,' and as a result his knowledge is a scattered one. He knows no one thing perfectly, and such being the case what does it profit him? Take the specialist and his *country*, and you will find he has gained more solid, useful knowledge from his one country than the general collector has gained from his hundreds. It is just the same in Philately as in the outside

world, the "Jack of all trades" never learns as much useful knowledge as he who has the application to apply himself studiously to one thing. Mr. Bernstein states that "it is my belief that specialism is growing." It is here that he shows most stupendous ignorance of Philately at the present day. It is possible Mr. Bernstein has been under a spell the last few years, as in Edward Bellamy's "Looking Backward," One would think he had been absent from the field of Philately since darkened ages of Philately that have past. Specialism is on the increase; every department of Philately at the present day proves it. Has Mr. Bernstein ever attended a meeting of our great English or the large American local Societies? If so he would not have made such a statement. It is to the meetings of these Societies where the cream of our collectors resort; it is there it can be seen how large a following specialism has. Again, take the numerous publications that are being constantly published, dealing with the stamps of a special country *only*, this also shows the great and rapid increase of specialism. Before closing, Mr. Editor, I should like to cite one more example which shows Mr. Bernstein's great ignorance of this matter, and the increase of specialism. A publication of a large series of specialist's albums, numbering some hundred different books, for the use of the specialist. Could a firm attempt such a large undertaking if specialism were not on the increase? No! There are other remarks made by Mr. Bernstein, but none of them bear enough weight for me to waste your space, Mr. Editor, and my time in their criticism. I trust no one has been led astray by the thoughtless statements of Mr. Bernstein.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for having allowed me to so encroach on your valuable space I will close, trusting that this will reach you in time for your April issue.

From Panama Star and Herald, Feb. 27.

IMPORTANT TO PHILATELISTS.

Panama, Feb. 4, 1892.

My attention having being directed to the fact, that certain postage stamp dealers in America and Europe, are offering for sale surcharged Stamps of the Department of Panama; and I hereby warn the public in my official capacity, as National Postmaster for Panama, that although the said stamps are themselves genuine, the alleged surcharge is unauthentic, this department never having issued same, and they are consequently rendered valueless.

EDWARDO B. GERLEIN.

MONTREAL NOTES.

BY SANA.

Efforts are being made by one of us to have a Stamp Lottery in Montreal some time next autumn.

SIR Adolphe Caron, by refusing to reduce the rate of postage, has lost his chance to go down to posterity as the two-cent Minister.

The splendid collection of Mr. W. J. Trenaman, of Three Rivers, Que., containing about 3,000 varieties of stamps, issued prior to 1876, altogether with a few duplicates, was sold for the small amount of $17.00 to Mr. Ant. R. Vallee, of this city. Mr. Trenaman offered his collection to well known American dealers, but none of them desired to make an offer. The whole is catalogued at $600.00, and a part of it was sent lately to Mr. A. R. Rogers, to be sold by auction.

At the fire which recently occurred in the offices of the Great North-Western Telegraph Company in this city, a quantity of the Company's FRANKS, of last year, which had been set aside for a certain Stamp dealer, whose name is withheld pending inquiries from other dealers, was completely destroyed. These franks have always been scarce, and hard to procure, and in consequence of the loss referred to above, the value of those in circulation will be much increased. The new color of the franks for 1892 is olive green.

THE PHILATELIC PROTECTION ASSOCIATION.

Feb. 24th, 1892.

DEAR SIR,—The Association hereby warns philatelists against the following forgeries, which have been brought under their notice:

JAPAN.—1 sen. brown, no syllabic character and "branches crossed"; 4 sen. rose, syllabic character; 1d.; 30 sen. gray; no syllabic character.

INDIA.—First issue, 4 annas with head inverted, the red portion of the stamp being forged.

NOVA SCOTIA.—6 pence green, a dangerous forgery.

NEW SOUTH WALES, VICTORIA and BR. GUIANA.—Various early issues, poor copies of unperforated stamps, cut close and falsely perforated.

MAURITIUS.—6d. green, (Gibbons type 1410), value altered to 1s. green but with Cr. and C. C. watermark.

BORNEO.—1863, 8c. black and brown, (Gibbons type 1631), with forged surcharge.

Yours truly,

CHARLES PHILLIPS,
Hon.-Sec.

Nous enverrons ce journal franco pour un an à quelqre' un collectionneur d'Amérique du Sud ou Central, qui nous enverra 100 timbres bien assortis de son pays. Ecrire aujourd' hui à L. M. STÆBLER, London, Ontario, Canada.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

Toronto, March 30, 1892.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST:

DEAR SIR,—Our Philatelic brethren over the border have lately been urging the question of putting stamps on the free list, and in consequence a bill is going through Congress now to that effect. But we poor Canadian dealers and collectors are still being fleeced, and nobody seems to be doing very much in the matter. I will give one instance by way of illustration: A short time ago I sent to a dealer in the United States for a selection of rare Mexican stamps on approval. A few days afterwards I received a card from the custom-house authorities saying there was a parcel (?) held for duty addressed to me. I called at the office next day, and found they had stopped three sheets of stamps weighing about one ounce. I opened the letter and the clerk examined the sheets. The total value was about $14.00, and he said, "Well, I guess we'll have to charge you 35 % duty on these—$4.90, please." Of course I didn't pay the $4.90, but sent the sheets back, and I guess they won't improve the dealer's opinion of the Canadian Government when he receives them. This is a most decidedly outrageous state of affairs, and the sooner there's a row about it the better.

Thanking you for your valuable space, I am, sir, yours respectfully, E. J. PHILLIPS.

St. Thomas, April 13, 1892.

The Editor Canadian Philatelist:

DEAR SIR,—I was just notified to-day that this new branch was added. I believe it will be an excellent feature. The Stamps will be sold at reserved bids, so there will be no slaughtering. I trust you will get this in this month's Canadian Philatelist. Let all members send in their stamps for the May sale, on or before May 10th. I have already some enquires for such a department, and trust now it is established it will be well patronized.

Yours truly,
J. S. ROBERTSON.

S. STAMP CO., Sunderland, England.—Our subscription to England 1s. 6d., therefore we have only credited you with 6 months subscription for amount received.

L. G. D., Nashville, Tenn.—All subscriptions must commence with current issue.

SANA, Montreal.—Your notes and clippings are always welcome.

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

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Our Sister Societies.

[We desire the Secretaries of all Societies to send us *brief* reports of their meetings each month, and such will be published free, and we trust that Societies will not be slow in taking advantage of this privilege.]

We are informed by Mr. J. Bernstein, jr., that the publication of *The United Association Philatelist*, the official organ of the United Philatelic Association, has been discontinued; the Society expect to obtain *The Washington Philatelist* as their official organ. It is possible that this Society will amalgamate with the P.S. of C. in the near future. Negotiations to that effect are now under way.

The *Sons of Philately* are still in a prosperous condition; each month brings in many new applications, mostly those of young collectors. The official organ, *The Collector*, has again been enlarged.

According to the March *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, the INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION seems to be in a flourishing condition; 8 new members, and 6 applications are published, and there are about 255 members on the roll.

Leading U. S. Philatelic papers are agitating a movement for the amalgamation of all the smaller societies with the A.P.A. It would be advantageous to both the A. P. A. and smaller societies, but owing to the independence manifested by some of the latter, it is our opinion that but little will come of the matter.

The Stamp Collector's Exchange Society is a firmly-established corresponding society, founded and controlled by the publishers of the *Stamp Collector's Monthly*, a leading English magazine.

The Middle-Atlantic Philatelic Association is only two months old, but its success has been very great. It now has exchange sales, purchasing and postmark departments, also library and official organ. Dues only 25c. per year, no fee. President, E. P. Simrock; Vice-President, C. P. Farley; Treasurer, Ira Apgar; Secretary, J. Neubauer; Exchange Superintendent, T. G. Kitchin; Purchasing Agent, B. P. Thomas; Assistant Purchasing Agent, N. B. Craig; Librarian, J. K. Hand. For application blank, address, J. Neubauer, 407 East 87th-St., N. Y.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Members P. S. of C. :—

It is with great pleasure that I announce the continued success of the Canadian National Society. Our incorporation has made a solid basis for us to work upon, and the fact that our membership is now the largest of any philatelic society on the American continent (excepting the A. P. A.) speaks more than words in our favor.

Members should apply at once for the agreement form of the Exchange Supt., and send in sheets, in order to give this excellent branch a trial ; and I am sure they will continue. If you have any complaints to make, send them to the Chairman of the Executive. If you have any member owing you, and cannot collect, put the case in the hands of the Official collector. If you have not yet paid the very small dues of 25 cents, do so *at once*, by sending it to the Secretary, and thus relieve him of some of his arduous duties. If you have occasion to write to stamp correspondents, at home or abroad, or if you advertise, be sure and quote your official No. in the P. S. of Canada. It will help you greatly by so doing, as I am pleased to hear that our members have more confiden e in the collectors and dealers who are within our ranks, and not run a chance of being cheated by irresponsible dealers.

Let each member try and secure an addition to our roll. There are lots of new collectors, and probably you have correspondents ; ask them to join every time you write. Lay out your plans for your summer vacation, so as to include the National Convention, at Ottawa, Ont., in August next. Here you will meet the prominent philatelists of the U. S. and Canada, as well as have a good time in the way of recreation.

Next season the branches will be thoroughly organized, when I hope to make a tour of inspection and organization, in order that we will have a combination that will beat the world. With the hot season coming on we will reserve our energies for the fall. And withal, be sure and keep up your active membership in the P. S. of C.

Mr. Dickson not having time to fulfil the duties of Librarian ; I have appointed Mr. Ed. H. Jaques, 4 Stanley-St., Montreal, Que., to that office. He will take over the post forthwith, and those having duplicates can send them to him, which will be promptly acknowledged.

Yours philatelically, J. R. HOOPER,
Ottawa, Can., April 4, 1892. *President.*

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

No objection having being received, the following are elected and entitled to full benefits of membership.

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259 A. R. Rogers, 75 Maiden Lane, New York, N.Y.
260 John Thompson, care of Y.M.C.A., Quebec, Que.
261 W. H. Liddicoatt, St. James-St., London, Ont.
262 G. E. Davenport, South London, Ont.
263 W. J. McDonald, 249 E. Tremont-St., Fostoria, O.
264 Geo. L. Gray, Ithaca, N. Y.

APPLICATIONS.

FERNAND COLUCCI, Alexandria, Egypt,
References—L. Miller and L. M. Stæbler.

PERCEY HARTNEY, 22 Hargrave-St., Winnipeg, Man.
References—C. A. Allen and A. D. Jones.

J. C. TACHE, Public Works Dept., Ottawa, Ont.
References—Jos. Aube and W. J. Beatty.

H. N. BULLARD, 611 N. 11th-St., St. Joseph, Mo.
References—R. M. Miller and E. C. Brown.

H. COX, care Methodist Book Room, Toronto.
References—J. McClelland and L. M. Stæbler.

E. E. RAUB, Hyde Park, Mass.
References—J. R. Hooper and G. Hooper.

C. BELANGER, 254 Wilbrod-St., Ottawa, Ont.
References—J. R. Hooper and A. Campeau.

L. B. ARCHIBALD, 71 Queen-St., Truro, N.S.
References—J. R. Hooper and G. Hooper.

T. S. Woods, Stratford, Ont.
References—L. M. Stæbler and Judge Woods.

Fred. Kinsman, Fonthill, Ont.
References—L. M. Stæbler and A. L. Root.

C. H. Holden, Fort Dover, Ont.
References—J. R. Hooper and L. M. Stæbler.

Lewis W. Colfelt, Frankfort, Philadelphia, Pa.
References—H. F. Kantner and P. B. Alexander.

Dues received since my last report: Nos. 6, 117, 241, 261, 262, 264.

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

Membership heretofore reported,	251
New Members,	7
Applications:	12
Less Resignations,	0

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Yours in P. S. of C.,
L. M. STÆBLER, *Sec.-Treasurer.*

EX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

St. Thomas, Ont., April 11, 1892.

To Members of P. S. of C.:

I have to report considerable progress this month; I have got the agreements and sheets all sent out, and have had promises from many advanced Canadian Philatelists to put their best duplicates in the guaranteed circuits, and in view thereof, have written the various Exchange Managers of the American Philatelic Societies to obtain membership, and circulate good U. S. stamps for the benefit of Canadian Collectors, as follows:

St. Thomas, April 11, 1892.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to draw your attention to the fact that the Exchange Department of the Philatelic Society of Canada (Incorporated,) is now in working order.

For the persual of your society, I beg to enclose one of our agreements; clauses 3, 4, or 5 can be struck out to suit the wishes of the member as to which branch he desires to participate in.

We have two circuits, a guaranteed and unguaranteed or juvenile one. All members have to sign an agreement as enclosed, with this exception, that the juvenile branch get their sheets on an agreement without the guarantee clause.

All members sending in sheets must state which circuit they wish their sheets circulated in, which will be carefully followed.

There are several members of your society already members of the P. S. of C., and trust more may speedily join, as they will find it greatly to their advantage.

Owing to this guaranteed circuit, I have received requests for exchange sheets from many advanced Canadian Collectors who state that they are going to place the better class of old Canadian stamps (especially the New Brunswick and Nova Scotian issues) in circuit, and they also are anxious to obtain the same class from other places.

With the object of giving them the best exchange, I take the liberty of calling your attention to the above facts, and ask you to place this letter and the enclosed agreement before your society, and request all those who are members of the P. S. of C. to apply to me for sheets and agreements at once, and I will place their sheets in A1 circuits on the guaranteed agreements, and will, on receiving an agreement duly signed by applicant and guarantor, forward them A1 exchange sheets from Canadian members.

At the same time, I would also have you draw your attention to the fact that they can place their cheaper stamps in the juvenile branch, which I hope to carry on successfully.

I trust many of your members will immediately join the P. S. of C., and send in sheets for exchange.

I also hope that all P. S. of C. members of your society will form a branch and appoint you or some other member manager. I will take the members of the P. S. of C. in the branch as guarantors of their manager.

We have no trouble in getting stamps through the Canadian Customs, and as professional duties often call me to Detroit, I can personally pass the sheets going on American circuits through the U.S. Customs.

Awaiting a favorable reply,
Believe me, yours very truly,
J. S ROBERTSON,
Ex. Supt., P. S. of C.

I hope this will secure for the Canadian Collectors good U. S. exchange.

It must be borne in mind that the member who sends sheets in *himself* (and not I) selects whether his sheets go in the guaranteed or juvenile circuit, and I hope the members will, when sending sheets in, be sure and fill up the places on the sheets so as to designate the circuit they wish their sheets circulated.

I would like to receive a good number more applications than I have got, and wish to get sheets filled and returned so I can circulate before May 1st, if possible.

Let the younger members remember that they can put in and receive the juvenile sheets on signing an agreement without the guarantee.

Owing to the formation of the Juvenile Branch, I am revising the rules of the department, but they will not be materially changed.

Yours truly, J. S. ROBERTSON,
Exchange Superintendent.

RULES OF THE SALES AND AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

1. Sales will be advertised each month. All lots for advertisement must be in the hands of the Exchange Superintendent on or before the 10th of the month.

2. Any person may bid on lots, but only members of the Society can place stamps in sales.

3. Each member sending in stamps for sale must send a self addressed envelope with postage, either for return of lot if not sold or remittance of cash if sold, otherwise stamps will be held or postage deducted from price.

4. Bids will be received for stamps till the 15th of the month following the date of advertising, when, if not sold, stamps will be returned to owner.

5. Promptly on the 15th of the month following advertisement the highest bidder will be notified, when he must send the amount of his bid, with a self addressed envelope and stamped, within five days, when the stamp will be forwarded to him, and if not returned so as to reach the Exchange Superintendent by the 20th of the same month, the money will be remitted the owner. In case of a refusal to receive or neglect to remit, the next lower bidder will have the option to purchase on same terms.

6. All persons sending in stamps for sale must give a reserve price, at which the stamp will be held and not sold below the same. If, in the opinion of the Exchange Superintendent, the price fixed is exorbitant, he may refuse to place in sale.

7. The fees provided in By-laws will be deducted from purchase price when remitting owner.

J. S. ROBERTSON,
Exchange Supt.

OFFICIAL COLLECTOR OF THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA

Mr. Lawrence Miller has been appointed Official Collector, with full consent of the Executive Committee of the P.S.C. He intends pursuing the following plans: Upon receipt of complaint and data from creditors, he will endeavor to collect from delinquents by mail, and if, after his second letter is received and no satisfaction gained, he will use legal means and prosecution, besides notifying all Philatelic journals and societies to place the delinquent's name on their black list. The *Canadian Philatelist* will publish these names, and will continue to do so until amount has been paid. Mr. Miller is well known to make a success of anything he undertakes, and delinquents would do well to keep themselves out of his way.

20 % charged on all collections; same payable after they are made.

Address Lawrence Miller, 548 Ontario street, Toronto, Canada.

Auction Department.

[Matters relating to Auction Sales, and prices realized, will be published in this department each month.]

Some of the stamps that realized good prices at Holden's first sale (at Port Dover, April 15th) were:—

Canada, 1852, strip of 3, 6d. used	$11 00
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U. S., 1869, complete set	13 50
Antigua, 1879, 4d. (50)	12 50

PAQUIN ARRESTED.—Ottawa, April 6th.—A telegram from the Chief of Police at San Francisco informed Chief Sherwood of the Dominion Police to-day that Thomas Paquin, the absconding assistant Postmaster of Hull, had been arrested in that city and was held for instructions. Paquin, it will be remembered, was arrested for stealing registered letters, but ran his bail.—*Montreal Star.*

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We are constantly in receipt of dozens of unsolicited testimonials as to the value of this paper as an advertising medium, of which the following are samples:—

Mr. L. M. Stæbler. March 8, MT. VERNON, N.Y.
DEAR SIR,—
Enclosed find copy for another two-inch ad. Have been highly satisfied with results of my ad. in previous number.
Yours truly, W. T. McKAY.

CAN. PHILATELIST. BROOKLYN, N.Y., March 11.
DEAR SIR,—
Enclosed find copy for change adv. I have advertised extensively in the *Post Office, Era, Mekeel's Weekly*, and last, but not least, the *Canadian Philatelist;* and I may say that over ¾ of my trade comes from your paper.
Fraternally, L. B. CORNWELL.

Mr. Morton Webb, of Petrolia, Ont., paid for an ad. four months in advance, but at the end of two months he writes:—"Please discontinue my ad. It has brought me *so* many answers that I cannot begin to *attend* to them."

The Dominion Stamp Co., Kamloops, B.C., writes:—"Our one column ad. in your last number brought us many customers and very satisfactory results."

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EDITORIAL.

After careful consideration, we have decided to drop for the present our Chronicle of New Issues, in order to make room for more interesting matter. A large percentage of Philately papers have these chronicles, and we can say without fear of contradiction that not one-fourth of their subscribers read it entirely through. We have therefore decided to drop it for the present only. After our first volume is complete, it is our intention to enlarge to 32 pages, and we shall then, in all probability, renew our chronicle. Any new issues of particular interest will be reviewed under the Editorial column.

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Messrs. H. A. McMillan & Co., of Kingston-on-the-Thames, England, have our thanks for forwarding us one of the new one penny red card, which were put into general circulation on April 1st. The design is a unique one, and consists of a full-length portrait of the Queen standing in a room of the palace, facing to the left, in an oval frame; around this various ornamental frames, "Postage" in scroll above, "One Penny" in scroll below. It is the best and most unique card of the general issue ever issued by England.

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The Publishers of this magazine have undertaken a work which they feel will meet the approval of their patrons—that is, the publication regularly of a series of Philatelic "Hand-Books." These works will be published once a quarter, and will be sold at the reasonable price of 25 cents post free to the U.S. and Canada; to other countries, 1s. 6d. (or its equivalent), post free. The first of these works is now ready, entitled "The Postage and Revenue Stamps of British North America." This work has been prepared not only at great expense but at the cost of much personal labor and individual research. It is a *complete descriptive* priced catalogue of British North American stamps, and the prices they can be obtained at from the publishers are reasonable *market* prices, and can be relied upon for accuracy. Many existing varieties of Canadian and Provincial stamps never before catalogued are fully described and priced therein. The work is one of great value to the collector, as it is by far the best and most accurate ever published. Paper covers. 25 cents, *postage free.* Send your order at once.

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Nos. 2, 3 and 4 of our Philatelic Hand-Books are now in course of active preparation, and we desire the co-operation of *all* our Canadian patrons to make No. 2 a success. It is entitled "Canada and its Stamp Collectors," and is a directory alphabetically arranged. It will contain a well-written sketch of collectors in Canada, and short sketches of many prominent collectors and other matters of interest. The directory, which will be a feature of the work, will be the largest and most complete directory of Canadian stamp collectors ever issued. All names therein are new names, collected by the publishers since March, 1892. The book will appear June 1, or thereabouts. As it is our wish to have no names left out, we request the aid of our readers in securing names. We wish only names of active collectors (no dead names) that are now actively engaged in the pursuit. We would request our *Canadian* readers to send us the names and full addresses of collectors residing in or around their town or city. Such collectors as send us names, if they send a good-sized list, will receive this paper six months to one year for their trouble. Send only the names of active collectors. All names will be inserted free. One thousand copies are issued. Price of book, 25c. to Canada and U.S.; 1s. 6d. (or equivalent) to other countries, post free. Paper covers. Orders may be booked now, and will be filled when book is issued in order received.

We accepted no advertisements for No. 1 of our "Philatelic Hand-books," but we have set aside several pages in No. 2 for the advertisements of Canadian dealers, ONLY. The rates will be 50 cents per inch, regardless of amount of space used. We should like to see the Canadian dealers well represented; and, as the book has a circulation of 2000 copies, it cannot but prove a profitable investment to the judicious advertiser.

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Before March 15 of this year all the civil service clerks had the privilege of sending and receiving their letters free, but by a recent order of the Government they were deprived of this privilege at the above date.

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The poor C. P. A. is wonderfully hard up for members, at least so it seems. A certain Toronto collector, who in Toronto made a practice of swindling stamp dealers, and whose name appears in Merrill's Fraud List, recently moved to London. He applied to the P. S. of C. for membership, but was refused on above ground. We were somewhat surprised, on looking over the March *Dominion Philatelist*, to see that he has been admitted to membership in the C. P. A. Queer, isn't it?

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We had no idea of the number of collectors in this city, before opening our new office. Since that, we have made the acquaintance of scores of collectors whom we never before heard of. Philately is experiencing a *boom* here, and a brisk one at that.

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Our worthy official collector, Mr. L. Miller, took a run up to London some days since to endeavor to collect an account placed in his hands against the British American Stamp Co., and found them to be four or five irresponsible boys, who had not called for their mail since October last. Mr. Miller's department is in A 1 order.

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Our subscription list is rapidly growing, and now most of the prominent collectors of America have sent in their subscriptions. We shall be pleased to receive yours.

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Collectors please note! We have discontinued to send sheets to agents, etc. Lack of necessary time on account of rapid increase of the sale of our packets and mixtures. The large number of collectors who have hitherto handled our sheets are requested to give their patronage to some of the dealers who advertise in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST

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A large lot of sample copies are sent out this month to specially-selected names. If you receive a copy and are not already a subscriber, forward us the small amount required for your subscription. We will also be pleased to enter your name for a year's subscription if you induce four of your collecting friends to subscribe.

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Advertisers, place your advertisements in our hands if you desire satisfactory results. All copies are carefully placed among active collectors, giving the shrewd dealer a chance to "reap a harvest of shekels." Our Exchange Department is a first-class medium, and for the low rates asked it brings first-class returns. Try it!

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At a recent English auction, a Canadian 12½c. green unperforated, sold for £2.6. The Cataloguers classed it as an error. We are enclined to doubt the authenticity of this *so-called error*. It is in all probability a clipped specimen. We have occasionally come across this stamp with very wide margin, and it would be a very easy matter to clip off the perforation, leaving a *seemingly* unperforated specimen.

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Mr. J. Bernstein, jr., (Vice-President of the P. S. of C. for Quebec, and Vice-President of the United Philatelic Association,) has removed from his late residence at Montreal; and intends to reside in this city in future. We welcome him to our ranks.

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Sets of prepaid newspaper stamps are at present in use by Dominion and Canadian Express Companies. Size about 1¼ by 3¾. As far as artistic engraving goes, they are not much to look at; most of them being coarsely engraved.

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All subscriptions to this paper must commence with current number; back numbers are very scarce, and can only be supplied at the following prices: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8, are 10c. each; No. 7 is 20c. These numbers are only supplied to our subscribers.

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We note with pleasure the rapid increase of the auction business with Philately. Auctions, as a rule we believe, prove financial successes. The prices obtained at auction for a stamp is a more reliable estimate of its value than any priced catalogues are. We find the larger part of the auction business done in England, where high prices are realized.

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The Philatelic Literature of this continent *on the average*, is not near up to the standard of that we receive from Europe. Take, for instance, such large, high-class, newsy papers as the *Stamp News*, *La Echo de la Timbrelogie*, *Philatelic Record*, *Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal*, *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, *London Philatelist*, *etc.* It is also noticeable, that there are none of the small, trashy papers which sometimes appear on this side of the water; such papers deserve no support.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

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L. M. Staebler, London. Midland, March 1.

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ARTHUR CORBMAN.

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THE LATEST! I have started business and would like to have a few reliable collectors and agents to send for my sheets at 33⅓ to 40% commission. Yours truly, L. Chevrier, 35 Cooper Street, Ottawa, Can. (P. S. of C. 34).

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Literary Review.

[All philatelic publications received are reviewed under this heading in a fair and impartial manner. Exchanges are requested to send two copies.]

It falls to our lot this month to review some of the "Spring Flowers," and as they are such *very* brilliant attempts at Philatelic journalism, we find great pleasure in reviewing them.

The *Hoosier Stamp* is not, strictly speaking a new paper, but it is one that has been regarded as dead for some time. It is now published by Harold Van Trump, of Rochester, Ind., and edited by Chas. E. Babcock, of Indianapolis, Ind. The number before us is of somewhat questionable merit. The typographical style is very poor. The editorials are well written, but mostly refer to business matter in connection with the paper. The balance of the paper is composed of small notes and reprinted matter. We are, however, promised better matter in the May issue. The April number contains 12 pages and cover.

The first May number of the *Malden Philatelist* is before us. It consists of 8 pages and cover, and contains a Chronicle, Editorial, Review, and several short articles. It is better than the usual run of new papers, but still there is much room for improvement. A good feature is that the advertisements are all kept on the cover, while the body of the paper is reserved for reading matter only. Published by the Butler-Sexton Stamp Co., of Malden, Mass. Sample copies free.

The *Curiosity Collector* for April, consists of 8 pages, and is a *trifle* better than usual. The best thing in it is a definition for classing stamps: "Common stamps are those worth from 1 to 10 cents," "Scarce stamps are those worth from 10 to 50 cents," "Rare stamps are those worth from 50 cents up." Considering its age, the paper should begin by now to *be* a paper, instead of *an attempt*. It is in its third volume, and is published by J. D. Bartlett, of South Amboy, N. J.

The April *American Journal of Philately* is smaller than usual this month, owing to the fact that the publishers are moving to new offices. It is, however, still above the standard of other papers of *its class*. There are, it is probably well known, two classes of stamp papers—the scientific class, and the newspaper class. The former class give only good solid information which is mostly beneficial to advanced collectors. The latter class is composed mostly of matter that interests the younger collectors—newsy notes and short articles. As far as the papers published on this continent are concerned, the *American Journal of Philatelty* is the best scientific paper published.

Among the Philatelic newspapers the *Philatelic Era* is by all means the best, and the April number now before us is larger and better than ever before. It consists of forty pages, and is "full to the brim" of interesting matter. The progress of this magazine is *very* visible, and you will be more than repaid by sending to the publisher, W. W. Jewett, Portland, Me., for a free sample copy.

Another new paper, and by far the most creditable we have seen this month, is April (No. 1) issue of *The Detroit Philatelist*. It consists of twelve pages and cover, is on the whole well written, and contains a good article on "Philatelic Ethics," by Dr. Geo. F. Heath. Published by A. H. Crittenden, Detroit, Mich.

The April (No. 3) issue of Victor Roberts' new paper, *L' Union Postale*, is at hand. Contains many articles of interest. It is published at 83 Rue de Richelieu, Paris, France.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal for April is before us, and, although it is somewhat smaller than the preceding numbers, it contains some choice reading. It contains, in addition to this, two large autotype plates of the surcharged stamps of the Straits settlements, consisting of fifty-eight illustrations and an exhaustive treatise on the same. Published by Stanley Gibbons Co. (Limited), 8 Gower-St., London, W.C., England.

The *Philatelic Record* for April contains "The Second Instalment of the Stamps of France" and the first of the plate of Autotype illustrations accompanying same. Published by Theo. Buhl & Co., 11 Queen Victoria-St., London, E. C., England.

Another new magazine (?) *The Collectors' Press*, published at 122 N. 17th St., Richmond, Virginia—four pages and cover. It contains but *little* matter, none of which can be classed as interesting.

The April *Post Office* celebrates its first anniversary by donning a flaring red cover. The same number also contains portraits of the business manager and the editor of the paper. This paper seems to be well established financially. Published at 80 Nassau St., New York, N.Y. Sample copies free.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News still continues to appear with clock work regularity. No. 73, now before us, is full of interesting news.

The *Eastern Philatelist* for May contains some very interesting reading, among which the second instalment of some Philatelic fiction, entitled:—"My Temptation," "Auction Sales," "Anent the Revenue," "Counterfeit Specialties," "The Suppression of a Fraud," "A Valuable Find," etc., notes and news. This is a typical magazine, always full of news. Published at Newmarket, N. H.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

GENERAL COLLECTING vs. SPECIALISM.

PART II.

BY J. BERNSTEIN, JR.

Good morning, friend subscriber; we meet again. Your most welcomed (by yourself) second paper of your explication of Specialism to hand, and perused with pleasure, not on account of its efficacy and its good reasoning, but, on the contrary, more owing to its erroneousness and tendency to insolence, which, accordingly, exposes the true character of its author. In my first part, I had only one point to contend with, *i.e.*, to prevent the multitude of the readers of this worthy journal from being led away by the idea of Mr. Subscriber's doctrine. *Now*, I have, in addition to the aforesaid, something else to say, which is nothing but a little healthy advice to Mr. S. In the first place, when you attempt a criticism upon a gentlemanly-expressed argument, do, by all means, keep calm, for as soon as you do not you will make it an utter failure, as you have done your last. But, to return to my original point. I must confess that Mr. S. is far more long-sighted than I am, for I am unable, up to the present, to see the points that I have represented untruthfully in order to carry a point, although I think there are sufficient points in favor of my theory without resorting to the dishonorable means that Mr. S. accuses me of. But perhaps, as he is such a wonderful advocate of reform, he reads it between the lines, or that which is more probable, *does not read it anywhere in my criticism.* As to his putting me to task, as regards my statement that old issues generally rise, and not those of the present issues, I may say that I placed the *rule* before him, and not the exception. If he does not know, I must say that there are few rules that have no exceptions, and especially in this case, where the exceptions are so few and inconsistent. Then, again, I said that the rise in the older issues was not the cause of the progress of Specialism. Mr. S. finds fault because I do not class some new issues as also rising. Why, I only repeated his statement in his first part, with a little change, which reads: "*The increase of the former* (*specialism*) *is rapidly causing a steady advance of price in the older issues*," etc. Now, pray, why does *he* not mention the new issues? For a good reason, and he knows it, too. By the way, why does he always leave out the interesting matters? He says that it is on account of space. I am sure that the worthy editor of this journal would tender him all the space he requires for the good and welfare of Philately. But is it such? I do not think so. One reason is, that the expounding of Specialism leads the collector to turn to it, and in so doing, also unconsciously turns the science Philately into the hobby stamp-collecting—a fad which would not only tend to change the opinion that it now enjoys in the eyes of the world, but would also after a while come to nothing, as every toy is when its owner gets wearied with it. Do you think, then, that this is any welfare to Philately, Mr. S. and adherents of Specialism? Yes, I have said, and I say the same thing again, that Specialism is not a promoter of the principles of Philately, but is rather to its detriment. By the way, looking over some old philatelic literature, I noticed in one of our American magazines a leading contribution by one of America's greatest philatelic writers, Mr. E. P. Newcomer, who, like myself, does his noblest in keeping up Philately and general collecting. In the course of his article, he narrates an opinion on this subject from Lieut. P. J. Thorpe, of England, a good authority, who says in a leading Philatelic magazine:

"But for the very same reason that it is considered judicious to throw a wet blanket over the practice of general collecting, on the score that a complete collection is *unattainable*, so also do I consider limited collecting *unadvisable*, on the ground that after a time such a collection becomes possessed of almost every specimen procurable—eccentricities excepted—and then his collecting practically ceases, his enthusiasm wanes, and, in the majority of cases, he ends by selling his treasures. Not only this, but moving in a narrow groove, he loses touch with all other branches of Philately, *gathers no knowledge of the issues of other countries*, and, except so far as it relates to his own 'Tom Tiddler's ground,' philatelic literature has but a passing interest for him."

There are scores of the same views coming from our neighbors across the border, and in our midst, in Canada, are voices to the same effect. Shall their opinions be neglected, for the sake of radicalism? And if Mr. S.'s theory, that I must have been like the hero in Bellamy's "Looking Backward" be cor-

rect, but which, as a matter of fact, it is not, what about the other advocates of general collecting? They could not all have been somnolent and blind to everything around them. I admitted from the beginning that Specialism of one's own country is harmless, and shows patriotism therein, for doth not any geography or history, published in your own country, mention more about it in proportion to its importance than it does of other lands? Most assuredly, and so should you know everything about it. Mr. S. says that Specialism is a more suitable culture for learning geography, history and science than is general collecting. That is the most absurd and foolhardy argument that ever came to me. Certainly, the specialist learns more of his special country than does his adversary, but what knows he of the *world?* Suppose a geographer would only study one country from the many, or the geometrician only a part of his lore, I can assure you that that would not be more absurd than only taking up one branch of Philately. So much for this "grasping-at-a-straw" argument of Mr. S. He further cites the amount of specialist's albums sold. Oh, yes, for are there not many such radicals and reformers as Mr. S. who require them, *for the time being?* But he fails also to cite that for every one of these there are a dozen of general collectors' albums sold, and there are more coming into market daily. If, as Mr. S. says, I have had no opportunity of being at meetings of local societies, and *he has*, I do not see the advantage he has, or if he does have any, he does not exercise it in his teachings.

I may add, in conclusion, that should any other such impetuous remarks made by my opponent appear, they will be answered with the silent contempt they so richly deserve. However, all welfaring opinions of Mr. S., his co-operators and friends, will be gladly answered likewise; and I further beg all parties of both *cons* and *pros* to give their opinions and views on this important subject, which undoubtedly is the most momentous matter before us, and all errors and oversights in my views will be gladly accepted and reviewed accordingly. Before closing, I have a most important duty to perform, and that is, to thank the most worthy editor of this esteemed journal on account of his liberality in tendering me the necessary valuable space in benefit to Philately.

London, April 30, 1892.

"PREHISTORIC" STAMPS.

In all the roamings of Philatelic authors, perhaps no class of stamps has been so thoroughly withheld from the public as those issued prior to 1840. These surely merit notice, for, as they were used to prepay letters, and were sold for that purpose, they were undoubtedly postage stamps. A brief description of these veterans of the Philatelic army is what we shall attempt in the following lines.

The first known postage stamps were used in France, during the reign of Louis XIV. The post was owned and operated by M. DeVelayer, who stationed boxes on street corners, similar to those now in use, for the reception of letters franked, by having a band of paper tied or sealed around them. Upon this band was printed the inscription—"*Post paid the .....day of.....*, 1653 *or* '54" The price of these slips or stamps was a *sou tape*, and they could be procured at various places throughout the larger cities of France. The same gentleman who established this also had printed a kind of "billets" or notes, somewhat similar to postal cards. One of these is still preserved in Paris, and is probably the oldest specimen of "penny postage" in existence. These slips and cards were not popular and soon fell into disuse.

The Spaniards were the next to see the need of a post, and in 1716 an official handstamp was authorized by a royal decree. This was printed in blue ink, and bore the seal of Castile and Leon. The decree stipulated that secretaries of the crown, etc., etc., would have the privilege of having all letters bearing this seal *and addressed to other authorities*, passed free. But in 1794 an addition was made to the above rule which limited the correspondence sent in the described manner to official matter. About 1800 the whole thing was abandoned.

In 1758 France again took courage, and a wealthy Parisian, one M. DeChamonset, established a post for the city of Paris alone, charging two *sols* for postage on letters weighing less than one ounce. Stamps of this denomination were issued, similar in design to the subsequent government issue of 1863. The government, suddenly perceiving the gains to be derived from the new enterprise, took it from M. De Charmonset for itself, compensating him by an annual pension of twenty thousand francs. But the arrangements made by the new owner were so meagre and impracticable, that the stamps were seldom used, and soon were entirely forgotten.

Italy next put its oar into the Philatelic sea, in the shape of the well-known Sardinia envelopes, reprints of which can be easily obtained. These stamps were issued semi-officially, and were of three values—15, 25 and 50 centesimi. They were first put on sale in 1818, and could be obtained either at the post offices or from vendors of tobacco, who received a commission on their sales. However, they were but little used, and were finally withdrawn in 1836.

An effort was made soon after the issue of these envelopes to introduce a series of stamps into use in Sweden, but the proposition was rejected by an overwhelming majority in the Swedish Assembly.

In 1837 a method for postal reform was introduced into the British Parliament by Mr. Rowland Hill, and, after many stormy debates, it passed on the 6th of May, 1840, and the well-known English Adhesives and Mulready envelopes immediately were issued.

Thus to England rightfully belongs the praise of first making a success of pre-paying letters by means of stamps, although, as we intimated when we began, a stamp is a stamp, be it successful or unsuccessful.

—P. A. L.

PHILATELIC NOTES AND COMMENTS.

By W. O. Loomis.

The first U. S. Stamp was issued by the U. S. City Dispatch Post (that is of governmental origin). It was authorized by S. R. Hobbie, who was the First Assistant Post-Master-General under Tyler's Administration.

Dr. Geo. F. Heath, in the Detroit Philatelist, when speaking about the early collecting and study of stamps, sums it up as follows: "That the great majority of stamp collectors up to 1865, the world over, were under fifteen years of age; that the average age of collectors is increasing, and that the large majority of the members to-day of our leading societies throughout the world are over twenty-one years of age.

Mr. G. W. Ebner, St. Louis, was the lucky one who received the $40 in gold for selling the largest amount of stamps from Approval Sheets for C. H. Mekeel & Co.

The *Eagle Philatelist* for April, contains a photograph of Mr. S. B. Bradt with sketch of his life, and the *Post Office* contains the photographs of Alvah Davison and Henry Gremmel, the former being the Editor, and the latter its Business Manager.

Mr. Millard F. Walton, of Philadelphia, who was at one time one of the largest wholesale and retail dealers in the U. S., has retired from the stamp business for lack of proper time to attend to it. His collection, which is said to be rich in U. S. Stamps, will be disposed of at auction by the Durbin & Haines Co., N. Y.

The editor of the *Detroit Philatelist* says that he recently secured some scarce stamps on original letters from an old Detroit firm. Among the lot were six New York 5 cent black, also Pomeroy locals, red and one yellow on black, with part of another attached; also unsevered pair of U. S. 5 cent, 1847, and 10 cent black, 1847, including many others. What a rich harvest that would have been for a young collector to find, as well as an advanced one. Yet such harvests are brought to light almost every day, although sometimes not so rich in scarce stamps as the above mentioned lot were. And it stands everyone in hand to look over the old chests and trunks in the garret of their fathers and grandparents and may be some of their friends, if they will permit them to, and such stamps found by the owner will be more interesting to him than stamps bought from the Approval Sheets and Packets. At least I found it to be so.

MONTREAL NOTES.

BY SANA.

A Missing Money Letter.—The missing $100 letter in the post office of Kingston is the subject of conversation on the streets and in the shops. The *Whig* gives the following information concerning the disappearance of the money letter. It seems that on the afternoon of March 30th, a clerk in I. Simpson's office, registered a $100 for a man in Glenvale, Ont. One post office clerk made out a receipt and entered it on the mail book, another clerk noted the arrival of the letter in the Kingston and Prescott mail clerk's book for March 31st. This entry was made after 5.30 o'clock on March 30th, this clerk left the office at 6.30 p.m., and came back to the office on the morning of the 31st, arriving at 8.30 o'clock. He missed the letter at once and since then no trace of it has been got. The time for tracing it has elapsed, and the clerk who received it has been asked to put $100 up. He contends that he is not responsible, and does not think that he should make good the loss. Before he left the office on March 30th he locked all the registered letters, including the missing one, in a safe; others opened the safe the following morning and left the registered letter department in a disorderly state. One letter was wrongly stamped, and others were lying out of their proper places. A clerk who had charge of the department left it for some time, and registered letters were left close to the wicket. The clerk says he will not put up, but will demand an investigation, the evidence to be taken under oath.

The post office at East Farnham was broken into about two o'clock on the morning of April 17th, its safe blown open, and postage stamps and cards to the value of $55 stolen, also $4 in cents.

A letter carrier named Armour Weir has been arrested for opening money letters and appropriating the money, at Toronto.

ENGLISH NOTES.

BY C. J. COX.

Trade is very good over here at present, owing no doubt to the excitement occasioned by the trials of the "fakirs."

One million of the new Letter Cards have been printed, but it is rumored that a further supply will be issued as soon as these have been exhausted.

New Stamp Papers and Philatelic Societies seem to be on the increase, two new journals being commenced in April, and the doings of the different societies being published monthly in the Philatelic journals.

The International Philatelic Union, commenced in 1888 with 27 members, still increases its membership, which now amounts to nearly 300 members, and has a great many foreign collectors amongst its members.

The Spaniard, Placido R. de Torres, charged with swindling several U. S. dealers by means of counterfeit Spanish stamps, appears to have transferred his operations to America; doubtless he found it did not pay in Europe. He was charged by the Spanish government for offering forged Spanish stamps for sale, and also proceeded against by an English dealer for swindling him out of £76. For these frauds he was sentenced to 7 months imprisonment, and ordered to pay a fine of 1,200 marks, at the Court of Bremen, in July 1888. He also went under the name of R. Fernandez.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

St. Catharines, Ont., May 2nd, 1892.

Editor Canadian Philatelist:

DEAR SIR,—In reading the letter of Mr. E. J. Phillips, Toronto, in regard to the customs duties on Postage Stamps, I will give you an example of the way the collector of customs here charges. I received application for sheets from a collector residing in the U. S. I sent him 3 sheets valued at $1 85. About a week ago I received a card saying there was a letter for me in the customs, which would be released upon payment of the duty. I called at the office and the collector opened the letter, and charged me 85c. duty, which I refused to pay on account of their being my own sheets. I immediately wrote to my agent, requesting him to send them to me in a plain envelope, which he did, and I received O.K. I then wrote a letter addressed to the Hon. Minister of Customs, Ottawa, of which the following is his reply:

Ottawa, Canada, January 7th, 1892.

Mr. Wm. A. Beatty, 36 Queen St., St. Catharines, Ont.:

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., addressed to the Hon. Minister of Customs, complaining of the duty levied on postage stamps. In reply I beg to state that there is nothing apparent in the complaint which you make which shows the Collector to have acted in every respect contrary to law. The stamps in question are brought into Canada for the purpose of trade, and it is necessary that the Collector of Customs should make any examination essential, to enable him to arrive at a proper value of the articles and, on so doing, to collect the duty to the full extent required by law.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. JOHNSON,
Commissioner.

Showing that, not only myself being charged, he charges every collector here, among the following, P. S. of C., No. 31; P. S. of C., No. 211; and P. S. of C., No. 219, and various others who do not belong to your society. Hoping that some action will be taken in the matter, I thank you for the valuable space in your paper.

Believe me, yours truly,
WM. A. BEATTY.

L. AND M., Baltimore.—We take no interest in and do not consider such oddities as you mention of any Philatelic value. They are probably the work of some collector in the works where they are printed. Not being a genuine government provisional, they may be collected only as a *curiosity*.

W. O. LOOMIS, Hubbardsville, N.Y.—You have our best thanks for notes you so kindly sent.

A. M. GRIGGS, Clinton, N. C.—Send 3c. postage for return of MSS. which we regret we cannot use.

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

From "The Stamps of British North America."

CORBEIL'S PRIVATE POSTAL SERVICE.

IN 1889 the Canadian Government issued an Order-in-Council raising the rate of postage on city letters from one to two cents. This order was received with a great deal of dissatisfaction, especially among merchants in the larger cities. It was this that led to the issue of the Corbeil Local, of Montreal. The following is a copy of the circular sent out to the leading merchants by the proprietor of the post:

BELL TELEPHONE, No. 2463.

PRIVATE POSTAL SERVICE.

Sir,—In order to reduce the *extra* charges by the Postal authorities for the CITY DELIVERY, we have concluded to open an Office for the delivery of letters at ONE CENT EACH, for which we will issue our private stamp so as to facilitate settlements. Every one will have to sign forms of reception as proofs of good and efficient delivery.

Hoping to be favoured, we will call on you in a few days for your signature.

Truly yours,
J. A. CORBEIL,
Manager of the Private Postal Service.

OFFICE: *At the Montreal Indian Store,*
1658 Notre Dame Street.

The stamp consisted of the signature of the initials of the proprietor, "J. A. C.," written across the centre of the stamp in black ink. The stamp was about ¾ of an inch square, and consisted of thick blue wove paper, *Perforated.* As the initials of each stamp were written separately *no two stamps* are exactly the same. This post had but a short existence, as the Postmaster at Montreal made complaint to Ottawa, and the authorities stopped its operation.

TRAFFIC IN FORGED STAMPS.—SENTENCE.—*Bernard Burghardt Assmus*, 36, was indicted for obtaining by false pretences from Morris Gilwelb the sum of £4, with intent to defraud. Mr. C F. Gill and Mr. A. Gill prosecuted. In opening the case Mr. C. F. Gill said the existing mania for collecting stamps seemed to have produced a traffic in forged stamps. The allegation of the prosecution was that the prisoner was concerned in this traffic. When arrested he was in possession of the requisite plant for making the most rare specimens, including dies, colors, paints, acids, and things of that kind. Evidence was given, and the prisoner, in defence, emphatically denied the charge. The jury convicted the prisoner, and it was stated that 4,000 stamps were found at his house in Church-st., Islington, and 900 more were found upon him, of the total 800 were forged stamps. The Common Serjeant sentenced the prisoner to three years' penal servitude.

The Philatelic Society of Canada.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Members of the P. S. of C. :—

As the time for our annual Convention approaches, it is hoped that every member will make it a point to be in Ottawa in August next to attend its sessions. A strong local Committee of Arrangements has been formed, who have taken the matter in hand, and the Ottawa branches (Nos. 1 and 11) will spare no pains to make every member at home when he visits the capital. Suitable badges are being prepared and will be sold at cost price to members. Among the various things suggested, to entertain the members, will be a grand auction sale of stamps, a stamp drawing, supper and social entertainment, sight-seeing, etc., including a tour of our electric railway (the finest system on the continent). I earnestly trust all our members will lay out their plans at once for holidays in August at the capital.

Those who have not sent to the Exchange Superintendent for Sheets are missing a good part of our work, and every member should try and send in two or three sheets even, and give the new system a trial. Everyone appears pleased with Mr. Robertson's excellent arrangements.

Mr. Miller reports the Collection Bureau as being a pronounced success. If you have anyone owing you, *he can* collect the bill for you.

Yours philatelically,

JNO. R. HOOPER,
President.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Members P. S. of C. :—

It gives me pleasure to state that, notwithstanding the approach of summer, we still continue to advance rapidly in membership. No objections. The following are entitled to membership :

NEW MEMBERS.

No.
265 Fernand Colucci, Alexandria, Egypt.
266 Percey Hartney, 2 Hargrave St., Winnipeg, Man.
267 J. C. Tache, Public Works Dept., Ottawa.
268 H. N. Bullard, 611 N.-11th St., St. Joseph, Mo.
269 H. Cox, care of Methodist Book Room, Toronto, Ontario.
270 E. E. Raub, Hyde Park, Mass.
271 C. Belanger, 254 Wilbrod-St., Ottawa, Ont.
272 L. B. Archibald, 71 Queen St., Truro, N. S.
273 T. S. Woods, care of Judge Woods, Stratford, Ont.
274 Fred. Kinsman, Fonthill, Ont.
275 C. H. Holden, Port Dover, Ont.
276 Lewis W. Colfelt, Frankfort, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPLICATIONS.

JOHN PURDY, 127 Leinster St., St. John, N. B.
References—A. N. Hanson and F. B. Saunders.

O. W. BRIGGS, Paw Paw, Ill.
References—L. M. Stæbler and S. B. Bradt.

C. T. METCALF, Grenfield, Ill.
References—Robt. F. McRae and J. S. Hanly.

WM. A. BEATTY, 36 Queen St., St. Catharines, Ont.
References—L. M. Stæbler and Harry Hueston.

S. M. GRAVES, SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.
References—L. M. Stæbler and Mayor of Summerside.

EDWARD ST. JOHN MALLOCH, 5 Mackenzie-Ave., Ottawa, Ont.
References—Jno. R. Hooper and J. McDougall.

K. BAULCH, Box 145, Port Hope, Ont.
References—Jno. R. Hooper and J. Malo.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

No. 224 from Renfrew, Ont., to Sault St. Marie, Mich.

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

Membership heretofore reported,	264
Gain, New Members,	12
Applications,	7
Loss Resignations,	0

Dues received since my last report: Nos. 176, 236, 254, 255, 265, 266, 268, 270, 272, 276. Members who have not paid their dues are requested to forward same at once.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Yours in P. S. of C.,

L. M. STÆBLER,

Sec.-Treasurer.

EX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Members of the P. S. of C.:

DEAR SIRS,—In presenting my report for last month, I have to report a gratifying sale of exchange sheets, many of which have come in, and there are on them some of the finest B.N.A. stamps that I have seen.

I have not as yet got enough members to send out any circuit, as practically there will be four circuits, viz., a guaranteed and juvenile and guaranteed and juvenile sale circuit, and I trust the members will send in and get their agreement at once, and also more sheets, so that we may have an excellent department. Herein will be found a catalogue of the first auction sale. This department has met with most gratifying success. I have had to hold over a considerable number of New Brunswick stamps and all the Canadian stamps, besides the foreign ones, as I received more than I could possibly put in. As will be seen by the list, there are some very rare stamps. I would especially draw the reader's attention to lots Nos. 1, 5, 8, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 33. Lots 22, 23, 24, 25 are four as pretty stamps as I ever saw, and would be an acquisition to any collection. Lot 5 is one of the greatest rarities offered. I am getting copies of this catalogue printed, so as to distribute it myself to various societies, dealers and collectors, and I will do the same for the next two or three sales, so we may get these sales permanently before the collecting public, and also I hope to get more subscribers for our official organ. Let every member send in even one or two specimens for sale. See that they are good, and do not mark them too high.

Yours very truly,

J. S. ROBERTSON,

Exchange Supt.

St. Thomas, May 12, 1892.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the President and Members of the P. S. of C.:

Having accepted the office of Librarian I desire to state that I will endeavor to give satisfaction to all concerned, in performance of the duties of that office. Shortly after accepting the position of Librarian, I received from my predecessor the P. S. of C. Library. Since then I have received from Mr. G. D. Hartley, of Montreal, a donation of 14 pieces. My address is No. 4 Stanley Street, Montreal, P. Q., where I will be pleased to receive any donation that members may present; the same will be promptly acknowledged. I am,

Yours in P. S. of C.,

ED. H. JAQUES,

Librarian.

PURCHASING AGENT'S REPORT.

L. M. Stæbler, Esq., Sec'y P. S. of C.:

DEAR SIR,—I have been rather negligent in sending in my report as Purchasing Agent of the P. S. of C., but herewith send you the record to date:

Total number of bids received, 4.
" " lots purchased, 0.

Yours very truly,

R. P. SPOONER,

Purchasing Agent,

Philatelic Society of Canada.

Try an Advertisement in This Paper.

We are constantly in receipt of dozens of unsolicited testimonials as to the value of this paper as an advertising medium, of which the following are samples:—

Mr. L. M. Stæbler. March 8, MT. VERNON, N.Y.

DEAR SIR,—
Enclosed find copy for another two-inch ad. Have been highly satisfied with results of my ad. in previous number.
Yours truly, W. T. McKAY.

CAN. PHILATELIST. BROOKLYN, N.Y., March 11.

DEAR SIR,—
Enclosed find copy for change adv. I have advertised extensively in the *Post Office*, *Era*, *Mekeel's Weekly*, and last, but not least, the *Canadian Philatelist;* and I may say that over ¾ of my trade comes from your paper.
Fraternally, L. B. CORNWELL.

Mr. Morton Webb, of Petrolia, Ont., paid for an ad. four months in advance, but at the end of two months he writes:—"Please discontinue my ad. It has brought me *so* many answers that I cannot begin to *attend* to them."

The Dominion Stamp Co., Kamloops, B.C., writes:—"Our one column ad. in your last number brought us many customers and very satisfactory results."

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EDITORIAL.

Mr. L. M. Stæbler, the publisher of this magazine, is absent in New York and the Eastern States on his annual purchasing tour, and we trust that any errors that may have crept in the paper, as a result of this, will be excused.

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The articles that have been published in this Journal during the past four months on general collecting and specialism, have been received with much interest by our subscribers. We regret very much that, owing to the quantity of matter on hand for publication, we shall be obliged to discontinue this interesting discussion. Several of our other subscribers have sent their views on the subject to us in the form of short articles, some of which were of considerable merit, and we greatly regret that *at present* we have not the space in which to publish them. With the first number of Volume II. we shall enlarge our size to 32 pages.

In looking over a magazine which was published in Canada in the early part of 1885, we notice a paragraph to the effect that *only 200* of the 2 cent *brown* bill stamp of 1869 were issued, and that only about three-fourths of that number were used. If such is true (?), we can say that we have nearly all ever issued. Can any of our readers give us any further information regarding the number of these stamps issued.

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The publishers of a certain U. S. Philatelic paper, *The Hoosier Stamp*, are endeavoring to benefit Philately and fill a long felt (?) want, by founding a *so-called* Philatelic Society which *anyone* may join; no character required, no dues charged. The only condition required of those desirous of incurring the benefits is, that they subscribe to that *worthy* magazine mentioned above. Surely this society will turn the world upside down.

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Many of our readers are still in the dark as regards the distinctive points of difference between the forged and genuine stamps of the 6d. Nova Scotia. During the past month a number of these counterfeits have been submitted to us for examination. This is one of the most dangerous counterfeits that has been placed on the market. It is believed it has its origin in New York. The forged stamp is lithographed, but so fine is the work that it has the appearance of a first class engraving. The paper is the same as that used in the genuine. The designs in the stars around the centre are not as perfectly formed as in the genuine, and the color, instead of being a pure green as in the genuine, is of a yellowish green. Outside the above points the counterfeit is almost a perfect imitation of the genuine, and so perfect are they that expert dealers were deceived by them.

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The coming August will be a great one for Philatelists. A Philatelist who likes a good holiday should by all means take in the three great conventions to be held in that month in Niagara Falls and Ottawa. Of the value of a visit to these two interesting places much can be said. Of the former, nothing need be said; of the latter, we may say it is one of Canada's finest cities. At this, the Capital, the Government buildings are situated, and a visit will amply repay any collector even from a *sight-seeing* standpoint. The American Philatelic Association and Canadian Philatelic Association meet at Niagara Falls the first week in August, while the Philatelic Society of Canada meets in Ottawa the week following. The P. S. of C. members are to be the guests of the Ottawa branch of the Society. The Ottawa boys are already making preparation for the reception and entertainment of the visiting collectors, and a good time is assured. Make it a point to be there.

Some of our correspondents have expressed a desire to know the meaning of the various surcharges on the law stamps of Canada. The surcharges and their meaning are as follows: C. F., Court Fees; F. F., Fee Fund; L. S., Law Society; J. F., Judges' Fees; B. F., Bailiffs' Fees; L. C., Lower Canada. Further information will be found in the "Stamps of British North America. See adv.

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"The flowers that bloom in the spring." New papers are as usual very plentiful this spring. They come, they go, and are seen no more. Among the most foolish absurdities indulged in by young dealers, who have an ambition for assuming the pleasure (?) of the editorial profession, is to publish a paper. Many of these start with barely enough to pay for the first number, with the idea that after the first issue the paper will pay for itself. The result is nearly always the same, the paper issues but one number and disbands. We are always pleased to welcome a paper backed by capital, and a publisher prepared to pay his way to success, but we do object to parties starting papers unprepared to continue their publication. We trust, however, that this spring the papers will pan out better than usual, and that, to use their own words, "They have come to stay."

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The catalogue of the first P. S. of C. auction will be found in this issue. Many fine stamps are offered. Forward your bids at once.

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"Amalgamation" is the constant cry among our brethren over the border. Of course, the A. P. A. members are the main supporters of the movement, together with most of the U. S. Philatelic papers, which seem to have taken to the movement in order to fill up space. We are of the opinion that nothing outside of "talk" will come of this agitation.

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We will be pleased to enter your name for a year's subscription if you induce four of your collecting friends to subscribe.

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In a number of recent date, we noted the probability of the bill to put stamps on the free list being passed by the U. S. senate. The bill, we are now told, is as good as dead, it having been placed in the hands of the committee on "Ways and Means" to deal with at some time when the House is not busy, which is not very likely to come in a good while. We are of the opinion that a little *capital* would push it through.

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All subscriptions to this paper must commence with current number; back numbers are very scarce, and can only be supplied at the following prices: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8, are 10c. each; No. 7 is 20c. These numbers are only supplied to our subscribers.

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A meeting of the leading Philatelists of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was held at that city on Wednesday, March 2nd, for the purpose of organizing a State Society. W. F. Schad, 150 Reed St., Milwaukee, Wis., was elected Secretary.

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Have you secured a copy of "The Stamps of British North America?" If not, you should secure a copy at once, as it is worth many times its price to you. See advertisement elsewhere.

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The Philatelic Protective Association is doing a good work. Not only has it promptly warned collectors of new forgeries around at present, but it has been instrumental in prosecuting and punishing some of the worst stamp forgers in England.

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Although we are down on the Central American Seebeck Issues from one standpoint, we must say that for handsome and unique design and tasty color, they are unequalled, and reflect no small amount of credit on their designer.

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Collectors please note! We have discontinued to send sheets to agents, etc. Lack of necessary time on account of rapid increase of the sale of our packets and mixtures. The large number of collectors who have hitherto handled our sheets are requested to give their patronage to some of the dealers who advertise in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST

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The *Philatelic Tribune*, a little semi-monthly, hailing from Smyrna, N. Y., says that there is probability that the collectors of the U. S. will be favored (?) with many new issues of the U. S. revenues. A bill is shortly to be brought before congress, by a Southern congressman, for the re-establishment of the old tax on matches and patent medicines. The bill will require that all bottles or packages of the above shall have a stamp affixed that shall represent 5% of its value. This, if passed, will be a great (?) and welcome addition to the collections of collectors; but, as the editor of the above paper says, "It will be a bitter pill for patent medicine firms and pill manufacturers to swallow." We heartily sympathize with both the collectors and patent medicine firms. They are both the victims of bad luck.

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Join the P. S. of C. The Auction, Sale, Exchange, Collecting departments and Library are now in full working order. Applications for membership to be accompanied by the dues of 25 cents and two references.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

TERMS—One cent per word each insertion, payable in advance. No exchange notice will be received for less than 25 cents. No display allowed.

WANTED for cash or good exchange, stamps from Canada and the provinces. A. E. Warren, Box 1981, Montreal, Que. (OK-11)

I WILL buy your collections of Foreign Post Cards for spot cash or give you goods in exchange. Write me. Wholesale prices desired from foreign dealers. Correspondence in English only. Mention this paper. W. P. Agee, Washington, Arks., U.S.A. (OK-10).

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I have 500 stamps which I will exchange for best offers. Stamps for beginners a specialty. W. H. Bauer, Box 63, Effingham, Ill.

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The following is a sample of the many testimonials we receive :—

L. M. Staebler, London. Midland, March 1.

DEAR SIR,—

My exchange advertisement in the February number brought me nearly 40 answers * * * I am, yours truly,

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EXCHANGE wanted with collectors (by a collector) in British West Indies. Will give same class or some excellent Portuguese Colonials. Address—William E. Loy, 423 Clay Street, San Francisco, California.

VALUABLE EXCHANGE! I have several gold watches, books, sewing machines, and almost anything wanted, to exchange for rare U. S. and British American stamps. Will exchange U.S. Revenues for Canadian Revenues. Will give U. S. 1869 30c., 15c. and 10c. for 6d. purple or 5c. brown Canada. Will exchange U.S. for Canada, Newfoundland, etc. No cheap stamps wanted or given. Send lists and state wants. O. W. Briggs, C. P. S. 250.

WANTED! Collectors to exchange duplicates with me. Stamps sent on approval at 40% commission to collectors. Price list free. L. O. Bowman, 415 North-St., Philadelphia, Pa.

30 varieties good stamps, 10 cts., and every third packet contains a rare New Brunswick stamp. Address—Sherbrooke Stamp Co., Sherbrooke, N. S., Canada.

NOTICE! Have the following duplicates to offer for cash: British Columbia, 1861, 2½d. pink, $1.10; 1868, 50c. violet (very slightly torn), $1.50; $3.00 Canada Bill, 18c.; U. S., 1869, 6c. blue, 25c.; P. Ed. Island, 1870, 4½d. brown, 20c. All used. Morton Webb, 46 Garfield Ave., Petrolia, Ont.

NOTICE! $2.50 worth of good stamps, including a 3d. N. S., for James Le Rand's Canadian Copper Coin Catalogue and "Numismatic Atlas" in good condition. Sheet of stamps sent to pick from. A. Munro, P. O. Box 116, Pictou, N. S. (P. S. of C. 111).

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I WILL exchange an assortment of foreign stamps that have been lying in my cabinet for twenty years (just what a beginner wants to start business with) for either a safety bicycle, a fine breach-loading shot gun, with attachments, or a phonograph. S. M. Graves, Summerside, P. E. Island. I have some rare stamps to exchange with advanced collectors.

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C. J. COX, (English correspondent to this paper)
18 Nelson Square, Blackfriars Road, LONDON, ENGLAND.

THE BEST YET.

If you have not heard of it, send a postal for the best offer in U. S. stamps. I have them in quantities to suit, and the cheapest on the market. JAS. A. SNEDEKER,
254 DIXWELL AVE., NEW HAVEN, CONN., U. S. A.

75 FOREIGN STAMPS.

Collectors, send 10c. and get one of my North Star Packets of stamps—Mexico, Japan, Natal, etc.

P. DICK, JR., - ST. PETER, MINN.

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WALTER FASOLD, Keswick, Ia. (11.)

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Literary Review.

[All philatelic publications received are reviewed under this heading in a fair and impartial manner. Exchanges are requested to send two copies.]

The *Chicago Stamp News* contains some Chicago notes, society matter, and matters relative to the publishers' business.

The *Detroit Philatelist* contains the usual supply of choice matter and brevities. Published by A. H. Crittenden, Detroit, Mich.

The *Ottawa Philatelist* is announced to appear from the Canadian capital on or about June 20th, by Messrs. Chevrier and McDougall.

The *Philatelic Sun* is before us; it hails from Brushton, N. Y., and is the official organ of a small society called the "*Stamp Collectors' Union.*"

The *Numismatist* is the best coin journal that we have seen. No coin collector should be without it, as it is ably edited by Dr. Geo. F. Heath, Monroe, Mich.

The *Postal Card* is before us, and is an excellent representative of the card collectors of America. Messrs. Geo. Watson and A. Lohmeyer are at the helm.

The *Electric Philatelist* has again hustled into our sanctum, this time, however, improved by the size of the paper, and the quality and quantity of the reading matter.

The *Country Youth* is not a Philatelic periodical, but contains a fair supply of notes of interest on that subject, as well as on other interesting matter for boys and girls.

The June No. of the *Philatelic Monthly and World* is received, and is mostly filled up with its chronicle, short notes and items, editorials and publishers' matter.

The *Washington Philatelist* has with No. 3 increased to 12 pages and cover, and has become the official organ of the United Philatelic Association.

From across the big pond comes the *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*, one of the best and newsiest magazines we have yet seen, and all filled with well selected articles and interesting matter to the collector.

The *Eastern Philatelist* is "up to date," containing the usual supply of matter and editorials that Bro. Pinkham can so well arrange. This is one of the best coming from the East, and one that is always welcome here.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* is as good as ever, containing many spicy readable articles, and a well taken half-tone portrait of H. Stafford Smith.

The *Post Office* again contains a long article for amalgamation, expressing the views and ideas of some of our prominent collectors. Besides this there are other interesting matter and editorials, making up a good number.

The *Eagle Philatelist*, as usual, comes to hand with clock-work regularity, and shows a marked improvement by the joint efforts of Bros. Greene and Swanbeck. With the last number, J. R. Hooper's article on Canadian stamps began.

The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* is filled with the usual long list of Philatelic beats and frauds, which makes it the most useful of all contemporaries. The number before us is also filled with editorials and other notes. Guy. W. Green, Strongsburg, Neb.

The *Dominion Philatelist* is before us, and contains C. P. A. reports and a chronicle. But say, Uncle K., are your subscribers again affected with illness? If so, better give them more philatelic matter and not chemical advertisements. It is a sure cure, and you should try it.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist* inspires us with a few reminiscences of the hardships encountered in attempting the publication of a Philatelic journal. It mentions the grave fact that its last six numbers were published at a dead loss to the publishers. However, the number before us is excellent.

The *Missouri Philatelist*, with its tasty appearance and artistic typography, might be ranked with our best journals, if the publishers would only be kind enough and relieve the long-suffering readers by a discontinuance of that so-called Philatelic story adorning its otherwise very interesting pages.

The initial number of the *Toronto Journal of Philately*, hailing from the Canadian Queen City, is before us, and, with the exception of the *double* review, is not far behind the standard. But as a change of ownership is to be made, as we are personally informed, better matter is predicted.

The *Southern Philatelist*, though published in the interests of the Southern Stamp and Publishing Co., is fast reaching to the front, and is the representative of our friends down South. Bro. Luhn's witty reviews, editorials and comments, and a few readable articles and correspondence, make up a very good number.

Last, but not least, we mention the *Philatelic Era*, in our opinion the best American journal for the price. Not a month passes without Bro. Jewett effecting more modern and useful improvement, and the success it meets with shows the appreciation of its readers. Published at Portland, Me.

RE AMALGAMATION.

BY J. BERNSTEIN, JR.

Brother Philatelists! We have not yet fully recovered from our previous discussion when we are again confronted by a serious and momentous subject, which needs not a little forethought and consideration on the part of each and every adherent to Philately. A short period ago, one of our Philatelic magazines, the *Post Office*, of New York, edited and published by Messrs. Alvah Davidson and Henry Gremmel, respectively—too well known to the public for further explications—came forth with a leading item, having for its object the amalgamation and consolidation of the numerous Philatelic organizations of North America into one large union or body, under the wings and patronage of America's leading and national organization, the American Philatelic Association. This bright idea, which reflects not a little credit upon its inventors, has, to my knowledge, found favor with the majority of our most prominent philatelists, and has been reechoed and resounded by the Philatelic press—the representatives of Philatelists—until at present there is no doubt of this agitation leading to vast results, which will certainly tend to the welfare and general advancement of Philately. Such is also my opinion, however on a different basis from that pursued by our amalgamationist friends of the present. Let us—my worthy readers and my humble self—examine and inspect the utility or inutility of such a serious move, as, undoubtedly it is a topic that commands every one's utmost attention, consideration and counsel. Let us carefully and watchfully study and revise all the arguments brought forward upon this occasion, and then each and all shall decide either *pro* or *con* as the advisability may counsel them. I see proper, according to my own views, to tender the initiality to our anti-amalgamationist disputants. They have, thus far, brought forward *two* questionable objections to this scheme, that are worthy of note. I shall attempt, to the best of my ability, to enlighten the numerous readers with the contents, in accordance to merits. They complain and object upon, *firstly*, THE BENEFITS THAT THE A. P. A. AFFORDS TO THE AVERAGE MEMBER; and, *secondly*, THE EXORBITANCE OF THE A. P. A.'S DUES AND FEES, AS AGAINST THE LOW ONES OF THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. I shall attempt to criticise them singly and jointly. I regard the former of these contradictory sentiments as foolhardy and absurd. I am personally not a member of the A.P.A., but if hearing counts for anything, the allegation in the first indictment is untrue and exaggerating, but as I said, I am unacquainted with the affairs of the Association, and therefore will grant this argument to those who profess to know at regards this. What then? We come to the conclusion that the benefits afforded by the A. P. A. are questionable, whether it be verified or not. But what of that? There is no reason whatever to suppose, that because the A. P. A. is not seemly now, that a large body under that name would be equally as unseemly. I am forced to think contrarily, for, to my mind, if allegations be founded upon reality, nothing will so tend to improve same, as a large roll of membership, and more means to carry on improvements to extremes. How can you meet this sound argument, my disputant *anonymous* or *pseudonymous* friends? Your initial objection was sense-lacking, so we shall proceed to your next, and trust for something sounder than previously. Yes, the second objection commands consideration. We must admit the impossibility of the young organizations with low payments to cooperate with the A. P. A. with its exorbitant fees. I fully believe that this is the only and serious drawback in this scheme. But as there is some balm as a cure, it is amendable. However, as I have an object in view, I will leave this at present, and turn to the benefits derivable from the effects of a successful and grand union. How commendable would it be to see the Consolidated Philatelic Society, the Western Philatelic Union, Sons of Philately, United Philatelic Association, Philatelic Society of America, New York State Philatelic Association, United States Philatelic Society, Ohio Philatelic Association, Iowa Philatelic Association, Nebraska Philatelic League, Southern Philatelic Society, New Jersey Philatelic Society, Rhode Island Philatelic Society, Oregon Philatelic Society, Columbian Philatelic Association, Michigan Philatelic Society, Canadian Philatelic Association, Philatelic Society of Canada, American Philatelic Association, and the other three score and ten, affiliate. We would be able to be reckoned by the thousands, and would command the due respect of the non-collecting world, as do our noted organizations all over the world. Who can doubt then the advisability of amalgamation? Absolutely no one. And now we advance to the question of under whose protection it is more ad-

visable to consolidate? I do not hesitate to say, that the strongest and most solid is the worthy one to fill that vacancy. Glance over my list, and you cannot fail to note that those commanding attention are the two largest and only incorporated bodies, the A. P. A. and the P. S. of C. Compare these and note the benefits afforded by each individually. The A. P. A., the much older of the two, offers, advantageously, a perfect library, a beneficial exchange department, an invaluable sales department, a useful official organ, and indeed, every minute benefit of momentous importance. The P. S. of C., organized not long ago, now flourishes with equally as perfect a library, a masterly exchange department, a worthy organ, and benefits only equalled by its American friendly rival. And, while the *former* is *the* organization in the United States of America, the *latter* is adequately professed to be *the* one in British North America. Thus, and in numerous other ways, we may parallel them, but only *thus far*, for hence each takes a wide stretch into opposite directions. This is the exact state when we consider the one's exorbitant fees and dues to the other's low ones. What is the cause? You cannot but at once conclude, that either the A. P. A. *over-estimates its value*, or the P. S. of C. *under-estimates its worth.* I shall leave the decision to the readers, and will turn to the effect of monetary difference in the nature of the collectors of North America. Every sensible reader must admit that this matter must be one of vital importance to the average collectors, if we reflect upon the progress of the P. S. of C., and other societies with same lowness of fees, and the immense number of patronizers of same, as against the very small amount of patronage adorning those associations with high fees. This, to my mind, is a very convincing fact of the vitality of such an object to the average collectors. Hence, amalgamation of associations of both exorbitant and low payments is impossible, and not probable, at this systematic juncture, and amalgamationists must turn to some other means of accomplishment. Can any of my readers make any favorable proposition, or shall I try my hand at it? I will place four propositions before the Philatelic public, and every individual may exercise his mental ability and decide according as to advisability. The four are the only ones that present themselves to my mind, and if any of my more intelligent readers will be kind enough as to further any other and more appropriate proposition, they would receive the thanks of every son of Philately. But now I shall hasten to impart my own propositions, which I trust will be acceptable:

1st. The A. P. A. and its sister organizations lower their membership dues and fees to the standard of the P. S. of C. and its sister societies' dues and fees.

2nd. The P. S. of C. and its sister societies raise their dues and fees to the exorbitant standard of the A. P. A.'s.

3rd. The A. P. A., etc., lower fees and dues to $1 per annum, and the P. S. of C., etc., raise theirs to same altitude.

4th. The A. P. A. and P. S. of C., etc., amalgamate and affiliate under the leadership of a grand governing body composed of the most prominent of the members of the union. These will form the order, from which will branch two districts, under the leadership of the A. P. A. and P. S. of C. respectively, each having the same aim in view, and adhering to the regulations of the constitution, yet at liberty to attend same with additional ones individually. The A. P. A. may leave its dues as at present, and the P. S. of C. correspondingly. The result would be that the Philatelist wishing to pay exorbitant dues will join the A. P. A. branch, and the ones wishing to pay low dues will cleave to the P. S. of C. Each branch may adopt its own departments and organ, and may hold individual conventions annually, and a joint one biennially, or at other intervals. The respective branches would be responsible to the Grand Governing Officers, and on such other bases as the organizers may see fit to accomplish their object.

Here brethren, have I bared before you four routes of accomplishments of amalgamation, and will now examine and select the most advisable. But, although I have displayed four means of accomplishment, yet do I credit only one. Carefully pursuing the initial one, we discern the impossibility, or rather the improbability, of such a route by the A. P. A., etc. Passing to the second, the same obstruction meets us, but this time on the part of the P. S. of C., etc., which is equally improbable. The third means is more probable, yet we may be sure that general dissatisfaction would result on the part of both parties. Hence only remains the last, which, undoubtedly and with an excellent organizing corps, can and must be worked to perfection. This proposition is rather new and modern, yet I believe it to be the best course before us. What a grand

step towards Philatelic advancement and civilization this would afford. If this novel idea happens to find favor with our prominent amalgamationists, this should form the chief topic at the large conventional assemblies nighing, and should so be discussed as to give every member his proper share of counsel in exercising his liberty in casting his vote or voicing his sentiments. As an organizing, governing and arranging committee, we have such trustworthy gentleman as Messrs. Tiffany, Hooper, Corwin, Mekeel, Scott, Wolsieffer, Ketcheson, Calman, Davidson, Walton, Bradt, Albrecht, Holton, Stæbler, Selschoff, Aldrich, Van Derlip, Cameron and other worthy Philatelists. Here you have a number of our trustworthy brethren, *good and true*, why not trust them, as they are certain of doing their utmost for all concerned. Are these not worthy of your support? Let these counsel for you, and follow their well-faring advice. Bear in mind, however, that this is a matter concerning every Philatelist, and should receive your closest attention. Philatelists, let this form your chief topic. Organization Officers, tender your opinions. Philatelic Press, voice the sentiments of your readers and age—let all express their views, and we shall not yet fail to witness the advancement that Philately will make before the end of 1892.

MONTREAL NOTES.

BY SANA.

Where is the Montreal Jubilee set?

Who's going to be the Manager of the proposed "Montreal Stamp Lottery?"

Mr. Richard Bernard, an old stamp collector, well-known by the firms of Scott and Co. and Durbin and Hanes, decided to leave us for the beautiful town of Sorel. A part of his collection was bought by a party of Frenchmen visiting North America two years ago. He was the only one on this Continent that owned a complete set of the rare Lette sheets of Sardinia, 1819, on original watermarked paper.

Mr. Ant. R. Vallee resigned his position at the Great North Western Tel. Co'y on account of sickness. He will devote most of his time to stamp collecting and dealing.

Our friend, Mr. Geo. H. Holland, is going to enjoy a three months' vacation out in the country.

Mr. De Beaujeu is the publisher of a book entitled "The Canadian Antiquarian and Numismatic Journal," now in its third year of existence. This book is very interesting to coin and old relic collectors, but we find nothing about stamps. Many have refused to renew their subscription for this year. Mr. De Beaujeu will be in Ottawa sometime this month in order to get more advertisments and subscribers. He has a fine collection purchased from Dr. Leroux, which he left entirely aside for last six years.

We should recommend *Father Canadensis* to meet the long lost child and bring him on the right way.

NEW YORK ITEMS.

Some of the readers of this journal dropped the suggestion that a few items *re* New York dealers might prove acceptable to the readers of this journal.

At 90 Nassau Street, up on the 5th floor, in room 52, I found the newly established firm of Attricht & Witt. The above gentlemen are two genial Germans, and, although new dealers, are doing a very good business. Old German stamps are their specialty, of which they possess some nice stamps.

A few doors down Nassau is Mr. Enquist's new office, and although I called repeatedly, I could never see Mr. Enquist.

A little room on the second floor of No. 80 contains Mr. Gremmel and his stock in trade. Mr. Gremmel is among the leading New York dealers and finds trade brisk, insomuch that he and his six assistants are kept moving. There was only one thing made "ye editor" smile. The *Post Office* is not a paying investment.

Mr. Ed. Krassa, successor to Krebs Bros., is situated opposite to Mr. Gremmel and carries on a large trade. Local only.

The great J. W. Scott, at 163 Fulton Street, does not seem to be doing much business, at least it appears so.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. have just entered their new quarters at 28 East 23rd Street. The new offices are the finest and largest in the city and consist of two flats. Messrs. Collins and Calman, the managers, report business brisk. The coin department of this firm occupies the basement and the stamps the first floor. The firm have some 40 clerks in their employ. Their branch store on Broadway has also been removed to better quarters.

Mr. A. R. Rogers of 75 Maiden Lane, is busy with his new U. S. catalogue, which Mr. Rogers informs us has been a great financial success. Mr. Rogers is a collector only, not a dealer, as some suppose.

Mr. Henry Clotz, one of New York's foremost collectors, also holds out on Maiden Lane, a few doors from Mr. Rogers'. Mr. Clotz's collection is one of the finest in existence and is well worth inspection. Mr. Clotz is always disposed to spend an hour or so to chat on philately, his knowledge of which is most proficient, he being a leading expert in the detection of forgeries.

ENGLISH NOTES.

BY C. J. COX.

Messrs. Thompson and Co., of Bishop, Auckland, have been successful in their tender for the remaining stock of the stamps of Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher and the Virgin Isles, the price offered being between £5,000 and £6,000. This firm of dealers purchased the stock of Fiji stamps some time ago.

The late prosecutions which have been causing such a stir in all Philatelic circles, has now assumed a different aspect, the society which took the steps for the extermination of the forgers is now asking for donations for the amount of the expenses, which are over £500.

A Newfoundland 6d. stamp, orange, 1857, realized £1, 1, 0. at an auction sale recently.

A new post card has been issued, value 1d., slightly smaller than the old issue, and is, no doubt, a nice change, as it has not got the head of Queen Victoria as usual, but a full length portrait of Her Majesty, similar to the type of the 3d. card. Color, red on buff.

The latest part that Philately takes is on the boards of the theatrical stage. A piece is now being performed over here in which an ardent collector takes the life of a lay figure! belonging to a friend, an artist, for the sake of securing a rare blue Mauritius.

A box recently sent through the post was thought to have something inside alive, and upon being opened was found to contain four young alligators, alive; the parcel had come from Egypt.

A new set of Costa Rica has been issued, which do great credit to the printers: Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, of London.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

C. P. A., Winnipeg.—The *Quaker City Philatelist* of Philadelphia is the official organ of the society you refer to. For particulars regarding officers, write for sample copy, address as above.

E. H. J.—Should like to have matter by 12th of each month.

J. C. E., New York.—Your Nova Scotia sixpence is genuine. Your Saxony 3 pf. is a forgery.

A. B., San Francisco.—The A. P. A. convention is held at Niagara Falls the first week in August, immediately after the C. P. A. hold their convention.

E. O. R., Halifax.—(1), 2500; (2), No. 311849.

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

From "The Stamps of British North America.'

BANCROFT'S MONTREAL CITY EXPRESS.

This stamp I found for the first time, the month of issue of this catalogue, and my information regarding it is limited. The stamp is finely engraved, and printed in blue on white paper. In design it consists of the head of, I suppose, Mr. Bancroft; a white space above and below this head. In the space above, the word "Bancroft's," below the head the words "City Express." In each upper and lower corners of the stamp was the figure "5"; across the top, in a straight line, the words "five cents." Down the left-hand side were the words "43 Gt. St. James St." On the right-hand side two small stars and the word "Montreal"; across the bottom the words "five cents."

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.	New.	Used.
660	(?)	5 cent	blue		

THE G.N.W. TELEGRAPH CO. FRANKS.

There has been but little known of these stamps, which, as far as beauty goes, are quite equal to those in use by the Telegraph Companies of the United States. They are all the same in design, the only difference in the varieties is that they are printed in a different color each year, and the date on the stamp is changed. In design they consist of "Great North-Western Telegraph Company," in a half circle; inside this, a little lower, the words "of Canada"; below this, in two straight lines, "'Frank,' 'No'"; and below this again a blank space, in which is printed the registered number. In a curved line across the bottom, "Complimentary"; above this a facsimile signature of H. P. Dwight, the Vice-President and General Manager; at the top in each corner the date; between the two dates the word "the." The groundwork of the stamp is composed of fine engraved lines.

No.	Date.	Color.	New.	Used
661	1890	blue		.25
662	1891	carmine		.35
663	1892	olive green		

C. P. R. TELEGRAPH FRANKS.

The design of the C. P. R. Franks is an unique one. It consists of a *map* of North America in a circle, around which are the words "Canadian Pacific Railway" above, and "Telegraph" below; half of the date at each side of the map. Below the circle was the signature of the manager, and below this, in one straight line, the word "Complimentary"; at the top of the stamp the word "Frank," and below this the registered No. in red.

My list of these stamps, I am aware, is not complete, and should feel grateful to any readers of this catalogue who can furnish me with correct information of the whole set.

No.	Date.	Color.	New.	Used.
664	1887	black		
665	1888	black		
666	1889	black		
667	1890	black		

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Members P. S. of C.:—

My report this month is necessarily a long one, owing to an increased interest in the Society. I feel assured that the attendance at our convention will be very large, as I have already answered very many inquiries as to date, fare, etc. I trust to see a very large number of our members there. I beg to submit the following new members.

NEW MEMBERS.

No.
277 John Purdy, 127 Leinster-St., St. John, N. B.
278 O. W. Briggs, Paw Paw, Ill.
279 C. T. Metcalf, Greenfield, Ill.
280 S. M. Graves, Summerside, P. E. I.
281 E. St. John Mallock, 5 Mackenzie-Ave., Ottawa.
282 K. Baulch, Box 145, St. Catherines.

APPLICATIONS.

L. W. MOTT, 78 W. 5th-St., Oswego, N. Y.
References—P. M. Wolsieffer and M. Steffan.

JOHN E. MEADOWS, Lyons, Wisc.
References—L. M. Staebler and Horace Hana.

HUMPHREY GOLDING, Leavers, Turnbridge, Kent, England.
References—J. R. Hooper and J. Malo.

C. H. PHILSON, Plymouth, Mich.
References—C. W. Price and L. M. Staebler.

F. HEINZEL, 7 Halbgarse, 11, Vienna, Austria
References—J. R. Hooper and A. E. Jubein.

W. WEATHERTON, 13 Peter-St., Toronto, Ont.
References—Wilson Wilby and E. J. Philips.

HARRY MCNEIL, JR., Indianola, Iowa.
References—T. Hoffmann and S. of P. 10.

HARTON WALKER, 596 Spadina-Ave., Toronto, Ont.
References—N. S. Sparks and L. Miller.

GEO. C. YOUNG, 311 S. 10 ave., Winnipeg Man.
References—Chas. A. Allen and Fred. J. Scott.

W. J. CALDER, Malden, Mass.
References—W. J. Beatty and F. C. Anderson.

DR. C. M. GODSOE, 34 S. side King Sq., St. John, N. B.
References—Harson and Saunders.

H. G. MCLEAN, Hopewell, N. S.
References—Ashton Monroe and J. M. Dunbar.

RESIGNATIONS.

F. & J. Ineson, Carleton West, Ont.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

No. 26 to Box 1772, Montreal, Que.
No. 177 to Clarksville, Iowa.
E. D. Weatherhead to Cape Clair, Ont.

Dues received since my last report.—26, 281, 278, 279, 280, 252.

All of which is respectively submitted,
Yours in P. S. of C.,
L. M. STÆBLER, *Sec.-Treasurer.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the President and Members of the P. S. of C.:

Since my last report I have received from Thos. O. Pardoe, of Ingersoll, Ont., a donation of 90 pieces; and from the publisher of the *Western Philatelist* two copies of the June number.

After my predecessor had handed over the library, and before I took charge of it, a number of donations were received and not acknowledged. In my next report I will give an account of them as correctly as possible.

Yours in P. S. of C.,
ED. JAQUES, *Librarian.*

Be sure to attend the convention at Ottawa the second week in August; most of the officers have signified their intention of being there. We expect to have the largest convention of Philatelists ever held within the borders of Canada. Nominations are now in order. Send your "ticket" for our next issue.

Our Sister Societies.

[We desire the Secretaries of all Societies to send us *brief* reports of their meetings each month, and such will be published free, and we trust that Societies will not be slow in taking advantage of this privilege.]

The Sons of Philately are making great preparation for their convention, which is to be held shortly. This Society is quite an item of power among the younger collectors. R. M. Miller, of New Chester, Pa., is the Secretary, to whom all correspondence should be addressed.

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The Philatelic Society of South Australia, which holds its meeting in Adelaide, is one of the most powerful organizations on the Australian continent. The President is Rev. P. E. Raynor, M. D., one of Australia's well-known collectors.

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The Annual Dinner of the London Philatelic Society was held in the Café Monico, on May 27th. The attendance was very large, and the dinner was one of the most successful ever held by the Society.

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The Société Francaise de Timberlogie are now busily engaged in preparing for a monster Philatelic Exhibit, to be held in Paris shortly. They have our best thanks for the propectus sent.

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All the talk about stopping the resignation in the A. P. A. seems to be of no avail, as they still continue.

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We have not heard much of the W. P. U. of late, owing to the fact that its official organ, the *Quaker City Philatelist*, has failed to visit us.

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The C. P. A. has become the *quietest* organization on the face of the earth. It is asleep, and all Canada can't wake it up—apparently.

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A number of large local societies in the United States are closing up for the summer months. This shows how far the interest of the members goes.

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The United Philatelic Association has been at a standstill of late. Their *latest* Official Organ is the *Washington Philatelist*. No convention will be held this year.

Auction Department.

[Matters relating to Auction Sales, and prices realized, will be published in this department each month.]

At Cheveley & Wilson's 28th sale, an original "Connel stamp" brought £20.

The stock of Mr. Millard F. Walton, the ex-Philadelphia dealer will be sold by the Bogert & Hanes Co., at New York, on June 22nd and 23rd, at 7.30 o'clock. It is thought that there will be a large attendance, and that the prices realized will be good.

The magnificent collection of coins, medals and paper money of Mr. H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J., was sold at auction in New York, on June 8th and 9th. Messrs. Geo. Leavitt & Co. were the auctioneers.

The $5 State stamp of the United States is advancing very rapidly in price. It sold for $37 at a recent New York sale.

Mr. Hadlow, the prominent English auctioneer, held his last sale of the season on Thursday and Friday, May 12th and 13th. A pair of "V.R." Great Britain sold for £16.16s.

It is not altogether improbable that a large auction sale will be held at the C. P. A. convention; at least we are led to suppose so by "Canadensis."

Mr. C. H. Holden reports his three first sales great successes. He will continue them throughout the summer months.

San Francisco has of late loomed up an auction centre. Some large sales have been held there recently, and the prices realized were quite as good as in New York sales.

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We are constantly in receipt of dozens of unsolicited testimonials as to the value of this paper as an advertising medium, of which the following are samples:—

Mr. L. M. Stæbler. March 8, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

Dear Sir,—
Enclosed find copy for another two-inch ad. Have been highly satisfied with results of my ad. in previous number.
Yours truly, W. T. McKAY.

Can. Philatelist. Brooklyn, N.Y., March 11.

Dear Sir,—
Enclosed find copy for change adv. I have advertised extensively in the *Post Office*, *Era*, *Mekeel's Weekly*, and last, but not least, the *Canadian Philatelist;* and I may say that over ¾ of my trade comes from your paper.
Fraternally, L. B. CORNWELL.

Mr. Morton Webb, of Petrolia, Ont., paid for an ad. four months in advance, but at the end of two months he writes:—"Please discontinue my ad. It has brought me *so* many answers that I cannot begin to *attend* to them."

The Dominion Stamp Co., Kamloops, B.C., writes:—"Our one column ad. in your last number brought us many customers and very satisfactory results."

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EDITORIAL.

We are a little late this month, owing to a rush of spring trade. Never before has the stamp business been so brisk at this season of the year—at least so say the oldest dealers.

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We have to thank one of our correspondents, Messrs. B. E. Watts, of Wellington, New Zealand, for a specimen of the new Queensland stamp not heretofore chronicled. It is of the old design, value 3 pence; color, rich brown.

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In my recent trip to New York I had the pleasure of inspecting some very unique stamps in the line of a rarety, it being the property of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. The stamps in question consisted of a beautiful unused, unsevered pair of Canada 12 pence black on wove paper. Another feature in connection, which was probably as unique as the stamps themselves, was the price, which was only $1000.00! It is not improbable that there are proofs.

Our columns are always open to the readers of this journal for the discussion of any subject of interest to Philatelists in general.

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A large number of P. S. of C. members have announced their intention of attending our first National Convention, which is to be held at Ottawa early in August next. We are going to have a big time, and hope that every member who can possibly spare the time will be there. Make it a point to take your holidays first and second weeks in August, then go to Ottawa and enjoy yourself. President Hooper informs us that the Ottawa members will do their full duty as hosts.

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In our last issue we noted a paragraph in regard to the two-cent *brown* bill stamp of 1865, stating that it was said only 200 were issued. Some of our readers have written us giving the number of these stamps they have in stock, and already the aggregate is very high, showing that a very large quantity must have been issued.

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We have been asked a good deal of late for an album for Canadian stamps only, with places for both postage and revenue stamps. We have decided, after some consideration, that we will undertake the work if we can obtain 100 subscribers for it at $2.50 each. The work will be made in the style and size of *Scott's International Album*, and will contain spaces for every kind of Canadian stamp. Spaces will be arranged to correspond with our catalogue, "*The Stamps of British North America.*" We will begin work as soon as the necessary 100 subscriptions have been secured. Send your name on at once. Money need not be sent till book is completed. A valuable and well got-up work is promised.

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We have before us "*Rogers' Priced Catalogue of the Market Values of the Postage Stamps of the United States.*" It is a comprehensive and valuable work, and reflects much credit on its compiler. It is the only catalogue at present on the market giving the *correct* value of U.S. postage in single stamps and unsevered pairs. The prices are those current May, '92. Spaces are left for values in the years 1893, '94, '95. Price $1.00. Published by A. R. Rogers, 75 Maiden Lane, New York.

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We are informed that Mr. J. R. Hooper, President of the P. S. of C., has been seriously ill for some time back.

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Our Handbook, No. 1, "*The Stamps of British North America,*" is selling fast. You should secure a copy at once, if you have not already done so. We commence the addenda to the same in our next issue.

We regret to chronicle the death of one of our oldest correspondents and subscribers, Mr. H. H. Clements, of Milton, N.H., who has just died at is home, at the age of 21. Mr. Clements was an enthusiastic collector, upright and honorable in all his dealings.

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We have a number of very interesting articles on hand for publication, and we feel confident that the best thing you can do, if not already a subscriber, is to forward us your subscription at once.

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Have you secured a copy of "The Stamps of British North America?" If not, you should secure a copy at once, as it is worth many times its price to you. See advertisement elsewhere.

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Many parties send advs. for our exchange department without cash, asking to have marked copy and bill sent to them. We would state that the terms of this department are strictly cash, and no adv. can be inserted unless accompanied by cash.

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The publisher of this journal made two large "*finds*" lately; among them was a quantity of Mulready envelopes, Canada 6d. perforated, rare U.S., etc., etc.

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Mr. E. E. Raub, of Hyde Park, Mass., favors us with his new price-list.

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Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, of Belleville, Ontario, has our thanks for a copy of his new catalogue on Canada. The book is neatly gotten up, and is of a convenient size. Mr. Ketcheson catalogues about 650 varieties, some of which are not really distinct enough to occupy a place in a catalogue of that nature. He minutely deals with the distinctive (?) differences between thin, thick and *medium* wove paper, also soft, thick and spongy wove paper. This is going into matters too minutely for a general catalogue. The unperforated bill stamps of the 1865 issue are omitted. Mr. Ketcheson catalogues the 1869 set of bill stamps on ribbed paper. This set was never issued on ribbed paper. He omits the 1869 set on pelure paper; the $10, $20, and $30 Quebec Laws, C. P. R. and G. N. W. Telegraph stamps. The various local stamps of Canada are all omitted. Notwithstanding this, Mr. Ketcheson's work is one of value to the Canadian specialist. Published by Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, Belleville, Ont.

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All subscriptions to this paper must commence with current number; back numbers are very scarce, and can only be supplied at the following prices: Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8, are 10c. each; No. 7 is 20c. These numbers are only supplied to our subscribers.

Amalgamation being the favorite topic over the border, we have been successful in obtaining for our U.S. readers a well-written article on this subject, which we trust will be appreciated.

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In the June *Metropolitan Philatelist*, Mr. Wm. C. Stone inquires if the Great North-Western Telegraph Stamps exist with the dates 1891 and 1892, as well as 1890? Yes, Bro. Stone, both varieties exist —the 1892 issue being *olive* green in color, and the 1891 carmine.

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The Alamo City Philatelic Society, now in its second year, has, by its select membership, progressiveness and general excellency, acquired an influence in philatelic matters probably unequalled by any other local society in the United States. Its sales department is in fine working order, and its library contains several thousand books, pamphlets, etc. All members receive the official journal, *The American Journal of Philately*, free of charge. The dues for active members are $3.00 per annum, together with an initiation fee of $1.00, and for corresponding members $1.00 per annum (no initiation fee). All applicants must be over 18 years of age. For application blanks and descriptive pamphlets, address the Secretary, Charles H. Huberich, P.O. Box 640, San Antonia, Texas.

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It must not be considered that the editor is in favor of amalgamation of the P. S. of C. with because *that* thought is expressed in an article in this issue. His views are decidedly opposed to this. The P.S. of C. has nothing to gain and everything to lose through such a step. It's no more reasonable to consider than would be the amalgamation of the two countries, U. S. and Canada.

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Just as we are going to press, we received the MSS. designs for our new Canadian Album from Toronto. See full particulars in our next. The album will be a "great want filled."

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Mr. W. S. Smart, of Brantford, informs us that the publication of the first number of the *Ontario Philatelist* has been postponed until the fall.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

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SEND for a fine set of New Brunswick for only 50 cents, or a set of Nova Scotia for 75c., not including 8½c. Send at once, while they last. Wm. Walters, St. John, N.B.

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JE désire immediatement correspondre avec collectionneurs d'outre-mer, relatif à l'échange de cartes-postales entières. Envoyez-moi une lot de 25 à 50 de votre pays bien assorties et je vous retournerai un monebre ézal et un assortiement très bean du Canada. Les cartes-postales coupées et celles des États-Unis et l'Angleterre ne sout pas désirées. Écrire immediatement à L. M. Stæbler. (12)

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Literary Review.

[All philatelic publications received are reviewed under this heading in a fair and impartial manner. Exchanges are requested to send two copies.]

The *Royal Philatelist* for June, comes to hand much enlarged and improved.

The *Florida Philatelist* is announced to appear on July 1st. D. C. Hazen, of Thonotosassa, Florida.

The Chicago Stamp News for June is illustrated with, what we suppose to be, a reproduction of the S. B. Bradt Co.'s store.

Mr. Cleve Scott, of Central City, Neb., is soon to issue his *Manual of Philately*, in which will be found some fine articles by America's best Philatelic writers.

We received the July *Philatelic Monthly and World* on the 26th of June. It well deserves the title of being the promptest Philatelic journal in the *field.*

The *Ohio Stamp News*, a little four-page sheet, published by Harris & Sanford, of Garretsville, Ohio. We have the first issue before us, and it is little more than a price-list.

The Stamp Collector for June is greatly above its usual standard. We are pleased to notice these needed improvements, and trust they will continue.

The *Detroit Philatelist* for June is composed of a reprinted article, an abundance of short notes, well-written editorials, reports of the Detroit Philatelic Society and Michigan Philatelic Association.

The *North-Western Monthly* is one of the best amateur papers on our exchange list. It is constantly improving, every number issued being better than the preceding one. It is published at Fargo, North Dakota.

The first issue of a fine high-class journal, *The Humanitarian*, has reached us for the first time. It is a fine piece of composition, art, and typographical appearance, and as it contains no advertisements it is a typical journal of its class.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist* for June is somewhat better than it heretofore was. It contains "The Philatelic Publisher's Soliloquy," a very interesting parody on Shakespeare; "The Philatelic Writer," "The Duty on Stamps," composing the best part of the reading matter. The editor expresses his views under an article headed "Amalgamation Certain."

Our *aged* contemporary, *The Stamp News*, seems to have that complaint so common to Philatelic papers in summer, "Decrease in size." The number before us is only about one-sixth the size of the number issued a few months back. The matter is, however, unchanged in quality.

The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* for June is before us, but, as usual, its chronicle and advertisements constitute the largest part of the journal. It contains a quantity of reliable auction reports, and a valuable article on reprinted stamps is now in course of publication in this journal. Sample copy free, by addressing 23 Francis Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, England.

The *Post Office* for June is still pushing the A. P. A. and amalgamation. The June issue contains a supplement on pink paper, which, with prominent headlines, and *brilliant* expressions, has but one object in view—amalgamation. The *Post Office* evidently succeeds in making good use of the amalgamation *cry* to its own advantage by filling up space with this all-important topic.

Although some of its English rivals have hinted that the quality of its matter was degenerating, it is our opinion that the *Philatelic Record* is still maintaining its usual standard. The June issue now before us, consists of superior editorials, a first-class chronicle "The Stamps of France," a rehearsal of matter relating to the "Official Stamps of Soutn Australia," etc. Published at 11 Queen Victoria Street, London, England.

Among our many exchanges there are few that are making such rapid strides as our worthy contemporary the *Eagle Philatelist.* The June issue now before us is brim full to the *top* with good things, and among them we may mention a well-written poetical selection on "The Baby King" (stamp), by Roy F. Greene; "The Stamps of Canada," by J. R. Hooper; "The Proposed Increased Subscriptions to Philatelic Magazines—a Dissent," by Lieut. H. M. T. Chandler. Besides this there is abundance of well-written editorials, and a portrait and sketch of J. Henry Thomas, a New England Philatelist. This paper deserves first-class support.

The *Philatelic Journal of America* for June comes to hand with some changes worthy of notice. First, the publishers have invested in a new cover plate, which is of very tasty design; again, the publishers have done that which they expressed their disapproval of some time since; in other words, they have raised their subscription price from 50c. to $1 per year. Besides its usual chronicle and notes, it contains some valuable information on the counterfeits of the early Spanish stamps, together with well-executed, enlarged cut, showing the distinctive differences of the forged and genuine stamps. A few good articles are also given. Published by C. H. Mekeel, Locust st., St. Louis, Mo. Sample copy free.

Written for the CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

A PHILATELIST'S "LOOKING BACKWARD.

A FANTASY.

BY NEMO.

"It is now the year 1942 when I look back to my first passion of stamp collecting, my initial adherence to Philately, and my incipient career of cultivating and tilling my future as an advocate and defender of our noble and common cause. It is with not a particle of regret that I glance back to that memorable period just half a century ago when I was blessed with the first vision of the elements and ingredients of Philately's developments, and was glorified with the first view of the faculty and potentiality of stamp collecting in its reality as a pleasure-afforder, comforter, and trainer and cultivator of the mental, and perchance the moral, systems. It is not without gratitude that I now turn to that eventful date, from which my real pleasure and happiness in the Philatelic world records. But what is more extraordinary and interesting than the initiality of the culture is the progress, advancement and promotion of the same, and the magnanimity of the rapid strides it has made, step by step, during the epoch covering the grounds of the last fifty anniversaries within my memory. It has progressed with the progress of civilization, has advanced with the advancement of age, and has been promoted with the promotion of enlightenment of a more modern century. It has grown from infancy to mature age and from childhood to manhood. Such is, in general, the distinction between stamp collecting as it was in 1892 and Philately as it is in 1942. But as to particulars of the grand advancement more can be told, and yet would not form a very small fragment of the reality. I cannot but look back to that time, which now seems to me a time of barbarism in Philately's reign, without being reminded of the fair and yet ignoble title of *CRANK* adorning my name and fame, and which displays a more quaint and remarkable aspect when contrasted now with the much honor-implying appellation and dignity of *PHILATELIST*, a distinction not less becoming than many of the other three score and ten titles of honor, distinction, nobility, and even royalty. I vividly recollect the accompaniment of scoffing and derision, with outward sentiments of esteem from the more intelligent and reasonable specimens of mankind at that date, and have inflexible reasons to remember the amalgamation of extrinsical and apparent appreciation with intrinsical and inherent ridicule and satire from not less equitable personages. And how much more observable is it when placed in contrariety with the very unassuming and unpretensive manner now so familiar to me, from both intelligent or unintelligent, opulent or indigent, master or servant. Thus far is conformable of the transfiguration of Philately as far as publicity, outside its limits, is concerned. But now I turn to the spacious territory occupied by Philately and review the modern advancements effected during the periodical jubilee since my enlightenment.

Socially, the promotion extends to far past the average. I have a faint remembrance of an agitation, the initiality of which prolongs to my own incipiency as a collector. It was a perturbation of collectors, having for its aim the then termed radical notion of social union in the ranks of Philatelists of our fair realm. It was a controversy—nay, even an acrimonious contention, which, in the more modern period of existence, would have been immediately and unanimously sustained, but which, nevertheless, in the then obscure age, was greeted with intrepid and ardent inconsistency and repugnance by an illiterate multitudinous contestant, and which required the most skilful, toilsome, striving and strenuous exertion of the more intelligent agitating minority. However, although battling a cogent opposition, their efforts were finally rewarded with a gratification of their aspiration, in that innumerable and otherwise ineffectual organizations were formally joined in union with the most valid ties of coalesence under one gubernatorial sway, not, however, without dissatisfaction and discontent. But even they, who had prided themselves with the fruits of their laborious endeavors, did not for a moment foresee to what general satisfactory consequences their course would tend to lead. They did not for an instant divine that in this enlightened period their course would be initiative and predominant. But such is the fact. Twenty-five eventful anniversaries have appeared and disappeared when this first social union in North America generated in the result that a similar production and enactment occurred among the innumerable collectors of Europe, and which a brief time ago resulted in the harmonious concurrence of the myriads of collectors of the entire Philatelic world, who united in the perfect unity of our common cause. Thus, that at present a body then disunited and far asunder, form a coalescent community, who though disjoined personally, are yet united in concord and uniformity of common causes and principles. But Philately has not only conquered a general social union, but has also subjugated impartial and unconcerned harmony, and has vanquished superciliousness, superiority and prevalence, such as had long characterized a large part of the abstinents and withholders from the ranks of Philately at that date, in that, at the present, royalty nobility, clergy, laity, peasantry, yeomanry and every variety of rank, position or situation, are all united upon one cause, and possess their full and adequate share of Philately's guardianship, patronage and benevolence. Such is the advancement of Philately during the last jubilee as regards social, individual and progressive union.

Literary, the progress has been adequately magnanimous. I recall, and even originally view the specimens of literature devoted to our cause in those by-gone days. I cannot but admit that they were unexcelled in quality in that dark period, but when reviewed in this civilized age the magnanimity and excellence attached are suddenly dethroned and deposed. Aye—those representatives of Philately may have been executed with the entire accomplishments, but what a different aspect do they now assume. My reminiscence is revived to those pride-regarded Philatelic magazines of yore, who, in this period, are mollified and subdued. And this is not superamazing or over-marvellous. Is it very prodigious to view the downfall and overthrow of perfection when placed in similitude with superiority? And thus was it with Philatelic journalism. They bore up generously, but declined when confronted by the obtruder of the advanced present. Gaze down upon those *very few suitable and valid monthlies*, as those are the only meritorious and deserving of mention in my estimate, and then kindly tender your attention to their competitors of the twentieth century. What a gap meets your observation! What a chasm disunites them and

their deserts! Instead of the score of pages—not all perusing matter, however—you observe the innumerable pages of the numberless magazines. And as to quality, let it suffice to affirm that it is irreproachable and bears no potentiality of similitude, or even impartial comparison. And as to the *weeklies*, be it competent to assert that in that age of barbarism in Philately's field a sole *weekly* was the issue, and one that in this time of advancement would be calculated far in the rear of the medium. And it may further be declared that the number above the average is legion. Thus far comparison, though needless and unnecessary, yet bears approbation or acception. But thus far only. How magnanimously would the upholders of our scientific cause bear of marvel, admiration and prodigy when confronted with one of the few of our protuberant and conspicuous *dailies*. Derision and laughter would be the sentiments of the collectors in those days at such an idea. But now no prodigy or wonder is even expressed at such a novel (?) event.

But although the magnanimity of the above is astonishing, it is yet surpassed by the greatness of the *numerical* advancement of stamp collectors, the *legionary* progress of stamp collecting, and the *augmentative* promotion of Philately. In numbers stamp collecting may justly and accordingly claim its legions and ostentatiously boast of its myriads.

And here I advance to the progress of the *science and art* Philately. Who recollects those days of yore when agitation was in the prime of promotion, and when every opinion, resolution, argument and adoption bore its partial and impartial criticism and critique, whether good, bad, or indifferent, always receiving more or less approbation or disapprobation by both adherents and dissidents. One of these bearing more prominence and moment was the contention and dissension between the advocates of general collecting and the pleaders of specialism, the supporters of a subject then occupying the leading topic in Philatelic circles. After days of continual contention, after weeks of uninterrupted dispute, after months of never ceasing arguments, and after years of universal strife, the contending parties are again united under the reciprocal banner of both varieties of opinions. But not the laborious wisdom of the one, nor the judicious diligence of the other brought this intrigue to a limit. It was by the act of advancement, by the increase of civilization and by the diminution of human barbarism that this glorious arbitration was effected by a providential remedy. The sole debatable argument that bore consideration of the specialism and anti-general collectors' supporters was the multiplicity of new issues, the augmentation of the blending variations, and the odious misdemeanor and ill-effection of such a contagion to the cause as the "Seebeck issues," etc., as were then demolishing its name and fame. After battling these cogent foes, civilization triumphed, in that countries, states and kingdoms innumerable, and thus long disunited both in gubernatorial and popular interests, are now united, not solely in a union of friendship, but in the common unity of principles and concord, popular and governmental, which as a result of this centralization scheme was the abstinence of these feudal and satanic effects upon Philately."

But here I come to a check. These pleasant fancies have passed, these happy reflections have disappeared, and this visionary dream is no more. I find myself in this age of Philatelic barbarism, in this time of feudal transgression in Philately's bounds, in this period of *social* and *literary* defection, and lo!—my air castles have vanished.

For the CANADIAN PHILATELIST:

THE COLLECTING OF ODDITIES.

C. E. RANGE.

No country affords the distinctive varieties for the collecting of curiosities and odd styles of stamps as does the United States, its numberless character of stamps whose equivalent may be attributed to most any desired end, as is shown by an official residue of Postage, Fiscals and local stamps of every denomination, size, color and form. No art of postage stamp nature has yet been originated but it has at some time had a substitute among the postal output of the U. S. government. With the letter sheet, the return postal (now in issue), the news wrapper, the special delivery, the newspaper stamp, the carrier stamp, the postage due, the officially sealed, the department, &c., &c., which, with but three or four exceptions, are now in general issue and open to the public. Combining these varieties with revenue, proprietary, medicine, telegraph, cigarette, tobacco, express, local, match, beer and snuff stamps, can you but think that the formation of a complete collection of U. S. stamps, together with their possibilities, is the work of a life time.

The reason that the advocation of a specific and special line of collecting is so ardently approved by the advanced philatelists (not dealers) in the United States is easily explained from the fact that in the formation of their own private collections the time and means in filling the spaces allotted in the albums to the U. S. requires the perseverance no other country imbibes, and the inspiration with which the stamps of one's own country is collected, where the varieties will permit, caused this valor among the collectors in general that a specialism in U. S. still exists.

One of the most hearty exponents of the collecting of curiosities in the stamp line is to be found in the person of Mr. Alvah Davidson, whose private collection of the adhesive stamps of the U. S. numbers over six hundred varieties, classed upon every distinct shade, perforation, embossing, grill, paper, die or error, and as his collection only includes adhesives no neater arrangement of a special line could possibly be made. The 3c. of 1851, 1857, 1861, 1870 are all of a class, noted for their innumerable varieties, and hardly a year rolls round but new varieties are chronicled upon the muster roll of Philatelia.

Those collectors that pursue a "rational" course (as it has been ascribed by a writer last month in one of our philatelic journals) must confine their collections to distinct shade, type and perforation or they will be classed with the rest of us fanatics and cast in thraldom forever. Envelopes in their entirety offer such an aggregation for collection, and the prices affixed, without previous defalcation or discount that it makes the "cold shudders run down one's back" when he even thinks of them. Color of paper, watermarked, tints, a variety of dies and the size of envelopes constitute those elements required for the grace of the collection. That "albinos" exist in envelopes is an assured fact, yet the apparent nonchalance of their collection reduces their price to an extreme, for only last week I saw one offered (unused, of course) on a sheet at the remarkable (?) price of 25 cents.

No source of varieties is so distinguishable as those procured from the stock of revenues, in which three issues were made on as many kinds of paper from

one cent up to one thousand dollars, making it a possibility to accrue a vast number of varieties on account of paper, surface coloring, surcharging and water marks. The private revenues of Nevada and California have always been overestimated in value, which may account for their seeming seclusion from the collections of those interested in the proprietary. The watermarked, old, pink and silk papers on which the various revenues are to be found, in the general issue, and the private medicine stamps, according to their issue, affords quite an avenue of collecting for the specialist.

Summing up the reason for this style of collecting we must attribute it to the accentuated pleasure of the philatelist, his labors and diligence are awarded by a peculiar find which only makes the desire a greater one for the next approval which will be a worthy one should his talents and knowledge be not of a perverse nature and the effort a noble one, which we hope will emulate the privations of all philatelists into one vast vicissitude of everlasting strength for the increase of our hobby.

MONTREAL NOTES.

BY SANA.

There is a new issue of clerks at our Post Office Registry Department, causing lots of annoyance to those particularly unknown to them, specially our stamp collectors, by holding their registered mails one or two days, until they get acquainted with them.

In future the mails between St. Pierre, Miquelon, and Halifax, N. S., will be transmitted by a French Steamship Co'y.

We have in our possession a curiosity, or rather a rarety, it is a Bank cheque with three postage used as bill stamps. Denomination as follows: 1c., 2c. and 3c. current issue, with the words "Bill Stamp" printed in two lines with red ink, and dated 8-7-75. These provisionals were in the hands of a college boy. Have you heard or seen such a surcharge on Canadian stamps?

A gentleman called on me last week, carrying with him a fine and valuable selection of postage stamps which I recognised to be those of Mr. Vallee's stock; amongst them a beautiful Victoria 2 s. blue on yellow paper, a complete set of Western Australia 1st issue, Saxony 3p. red, Tasmania 4p. blue, Geneva 10c. green paper, and a lot of U. S. and Canada pence issue, representing a value of $400.00, trying to sell the whole at any price. As I never heard of him, I did not buy any. Where did he get them? Is he a dealer or an agent?

Mr. M. Sweetman, chief post office inspector, is in the city on business connected with the Post Office. The letter carriers and the street box services are to be rearranged and improved, and a number of additional letter boxes are to be put up at suitable points. At least one additional branch post office is to be established immediately. When the street car service is improved, the street cars are to be utilized for delivery purposes.

A new Post Office, to be maintained during the summer months only, was opened on July 1st, on the shore of Lake St. Louis, under the name of D'Ollier, one mile from the G. T. R. Beaconsfield Station.

Telegram received from St. John, N. B, reports that the Post Office of Sackville was entered at one o'clock in the morning of June 20th. The safe was blown open, and its contents, including eleven registered letters and a small sum of money taken. The burglars then set fire to the office, destroying a large amount of stamps and postal cards, but the fire was discovered by parties driving by, before it had made much headway.

The Post Office of Merrickville, Ont., was broken in and robbed of stamps to the amount of $200 and a small sum of money.

Partly printed and partly written notices issued by societies for the purpose of notifying members of the date and place of meetings to be held, must in future be prepaid at letter rate.

Dating from the 1st proximo, foreign newspapers and periodicals brought into Canada, by mail or otherwise, may be posted in Canada by news agents to addresses in this country at the rate of one cent per pound, payable by postage stamps on each separate package; and British newspapers and periodicals brought into Canada otherwise than by mail may be posted by news agents to addresses in Canada at the same rate payable in the same manner.

NOTES FROM THE WORLD'S FAIR CITY.

The Chicago Philatelic Society held a well attended meeting on the evening of July 7th. Notwithstanding the intense heat, 17 members responded to the roll call.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of over $90 to the society's credit. A neat little sum, and one that will require considerable tact in keeping it.

Mr. W. H. Nieustedt, formerly of St. Louis, but now permanently located in the World's Fair City, was a visitor at the last meeting.

Mr. C. D. Reimers has also permanently located here. He has been in attendance at the Iowa University, located at Iowa City.

A meeting of Branch No. 1 of the A. P. A. immediately followed the meeting of the C. P. S., July 7th. There were nine members in attendance who took an animated part in the discussion over the A. P. A. Convention which is so close at hand. The following ticket was nominated: President, J. K. Tiffany; Vice-President, W. C. VanDerlip; Secretary, M. C. Walton; Treasurer, K. L. Holman; International Secretary, Jos. Rechert; Board of Trustees, Geo. Watson, G. B. Calman, Henry Clotz. The following recommendations were also proposed: Sales Sup't, S. B. Bradt; Librarian, Alvah Davison; Purchasing Agent, W. Sellschopp. Members of the A. P. A. will do well in considering the above ticket and should give it hearty support.

The prevailing questions of to-day, Do you favor amalgamation? and Have you become a member of the Incorporated A. P. A.?

Amalgamation still continues to be the battle cry, admirably led by the *Post Office*, and championed by all of the leading journals and philatelists.

The first step toward furthering the interests of the A. P. A. have been taken by the C. P. S. At the last meeting, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer introduced resolutions recommending the change of the C. P. S. from an International to a *purely* local Society. If this step should be taken, the C. P. S. will abolish its passive membership, so far as the Exchange department is concerned. This move will compel a great many who now receive the benefits from this department to seek membership in other Exchange departments, and in but one, the A. P. A., will a successor of the C. P. S. be found. We have started the ball, now let other *local* Societies do the same.

It is rumored that Chicago is to be the seat of another philatelic journal. The *Western Philatelist* will undoubtedly be published here by Mr. C. D. Reimers, in consequence of his removal from Iowa City. But it bears that ill-fated name

ESTRANDO.

ENGLISH NOTES.

The Letter Cards issued a short time ago have already undergone a change, and have been reduced in price. This is a great change, as the Post Office are not very fond of changing, one instance being the present issue one penny, which has been unchanged for the past 12 years.

Cheveley Wilson & Co. held their 30th sale by auction, on June 22nd and 23rd, last, when some fine Canadian Stamps were offered, amongst others being New Brunswick 1s., violet; several Newfoundland 6d., carmine vermilion; Canada 6d., etc.

Ocean Penny Postage is now causing a great deal of public attention, and no doubt this great benefit will be appreciated by everybody who has occasion to use the post to communicate with friends abroad, and stamp dealers will benefit much when we get it.

The collection of the late Mr. Tapling, which was bequeathed to the British Museum, is not yet arranged, so that philatelists will not have the pleasure of examining the great varieties which are in this collection for some time to come.

THE INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

French collectors are now enthusiastic over their coming Philatelic Exhibition, which they claim will be the largest of the kind ever held on the continent. The Exhibition is to be held in the Palace of Liberal Arts, on the Champ de Mars, Paris, France, from the 15th of September to the 15th of October, inclusive. The Exhibition is held under the patronage of the following large French Societies: *La Societe Timhophile d'exchange, La Societe Francaise de Timebrlogie, La Societe Philatelique Francaise.* The officers and committees are as follows: President, Dr. Legrand, of Neuilly; Vice-President, M. Langlois; Secretary, Georges Lesourd; Treasurer, E. Vervelle. The Committee of Management is composed of 4 members of each of the above Societies, making a Committee of 12 as follows: Messrs. Toncin, Frémy, Guim, Ouy, Ferrari, D'Étioles, Robert, Schœller, Founé, Schwab, Tillot and Bernard. The above gentlemen are the most foremost of French Philatelists, and with them at the head assures the success of the exhibition. The classes of exhibits accepted are, among others: postage stamps, tax stamps, envelopes, cards, bands, telegraph stamps, fiscals, local, private stamps, albums, philatelic literature in general, etc., etc., etc. The leading awards consists of 10 gold, 17 silver and 40 bronze medals. The other arrangements for the exhibition are completed, and its size, etc., will by far surpass any exhibition ever held before. Any information desired by prospective exhibitors will be gladly furnished by the Secretary.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

E. A. S., New Orleans.—Your stamps are Swiss Fiscals, and are of no great value. Yes; we can use the Locals you mention if on the original cover.

T. C., Mt. Forest.—(1) $25.00 per 10; (2) scarce; (3) write the Exchange Superintendent for information.

A. De M., Berlin.—You fall into the same mistake that so many European dealers do, thinking (?) that rare Canadians may be obtained for common continentals. We return your stamps. You may remit in unused stamps, but we generally prefer Post Office Order.

St. Catharines, July 4th, 1892.

Editor CANADIAN PHILATELIST:

Dear Sir.—Since my last letter was published, I wrote again to the Commissioner of Customs to see if Postage Stamps could not go under the class of free goods, and the following is his reply:

Ottawa, June 6th, 1892.

WM. A. BEATTY, Esq.:

Dear Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, further in re duty on Postage Stamps; and in reply I would refer you to the Departmental letter to you of the 7th of January with reference to the collection of duty on Postage Stamps. The stamps to which you allude are clearly dutiable under the law, and any officer who admits them without the payment of duty would be censurable, and so far as this Department has knowledge duty is collected at all ports. I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. S. PARMLEE,
Commissioner.

So the readers of this paper will see that the best thing they can do is to form a delegation to wait on the Minister to get him to give his consent to admit them free of duty, which would be a benefit to the Canadian collectors and dealers who are getting their supplies and stocks from the Americans, so, if anything is to be done, let it be done quickly. I may also state that the year 1892 is a memorable as well as a historical year in Canada, and would it not be a good thing if the government were to issue a jubilee set of Postage Stamps with appropriate designs on them, and to try the working of 2c. letter postage. Hoping that the collectors of Canada and elsewhere will get a move on, and anyone wanting to write to me I will cheerfully answer all. I thank you, Mr. Editor, for the valuable space in your paper.

I remain, yours truly,

WM. A. BEATTY.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The P. S. of C. convention will meet in Ottawa, Ont., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 18th, 19th and 20th. Preparations are being made to entertain the visiting members in good style. Badges are now being prepared. Every member who can, should try and spend at least one or two days at the Capital. Programme includes a Stamp Exhibit, Auction, Entertainment, Complimentary Supper, visit to Parliament Buildings, Government Museums, Chaudiere Falls, Hull, P. Q., etc. Those who cannot possibly come should send their proxy vote to any of the Ottawa members as soon as possible. Those who are comingwill please send their names to the President or Mr. Beatty.

J. R. HOOPER, *President.*

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Members P. S. of C.:—

We are still prosperous, as will be seen by my report, appended. With this report my term of office expires, and, owing to pressure of business duties, and consequent lack of time, I shall be compelled to give up the office. I shall, notwithstanding, still do all in my power to add to our membership, and in any other way I may be able to assist our progress. The Convention is now near at hand, and I trust that all our members will make an effort to attend. The form of proxy and nominations will be found in another part of this journal. I shall personally attend the Convention, and shall be pleased to take the proxies of any members unable to attend; in writing proxies, use form published. In the matter of dues, there are still a number of members who have not yet paid their dues. It is required by the Executive Committee that their dues be paid before July 31st. Notices have been mailed the delinquent members, and I trust that dues will be promptly paid, as names of all delinquents must be placed in hands of Executive.

NEW MEMBERS.

No.
283 Wm. A. Beatty, St. Catharines, Ont.
284 L. W. Mott, 15 w 5th-St., Oswego, N. Y.
285 Jno. E. Meadows, Lyons, Wis. [England.
286 Humphrey Golding, Leavers, Turnbridge, Kent,
287 C. H. Philson, Plymouth, Mich.
288 F. Heinzel, 7 Halbgarse, 11, Vienna, Austria.
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293 W. J. Calder, Malden, Mass.
294 Dr. C. M. Goodsoe, 34 s King-St., St. John, N.B.
295 H. G. McLean, Hopewell, N. S.

APPLICATIONS.

A. H. MILLIGAN, 33 Mill-St., London West, Ont.
References—L. M. Staebler and C. W. Milligan.

W. G. R. BARTRAM, 84 Beech-St., London West, Ont.
References—L. M. Staebler and C. B. Chapman.

J. HEVEY, JR., 20 Ann-St,, London West, Ont.
References—J. Bernstein, jr., and H. S. Dickson.

WM. WATERS, St. John, N. B.
References—H. L. Coombs and A. N. Hanson.

CAPT. A. L. SWAINSON, Royal Engineers, Jhausi, India.
References—J. R. Hooper and W. J. Beatty

STANLEY COOK, P.O. box 78, Montreal, Que.
References—L. M. Staebler and J. Vauthier.

ERNEST SLINGER, St. George's, Grenada, W. I.
References—R. W. Hanington and L. M. Stæbler.

CORRECTIONS.

No. 78—Should be "J." instead of "M." Vauthier.

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

Membership heretofore reported	282
New members	13
Applications	7
Loss by resignations	0
Gain	13

Dues received since last report—28, 297, 283, 284, 286, 289, 290, 291, 292, 78, 300.

I expect to be able to give my successor several new members next month. Do not forget to fill out your proxy form. Thanking all the members for their assistance in gaining new members during the past year, soliciting that the same assistance be extended to my successor, and wishing the Society continued prosperity, I am, sirs,

Yours in P. S. of C.,
L. M. STÆBLER, *Sec.-Treasurer.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the President and Members of the P. S. of C.:

As promised in my last report, I herewith give a list of the donations that were received and never acknowledged:—Ralph Ashcroft, of Brooklyn, N. Y., 7 pieces; Ph Heinsberger, jr., of N. Y., 17 pieces; Alfred Lane, of Barrie, Ont., 8 pieces; J. R. Ayer, of Georgeville, Que., 12 pieces; N. F. Johnson, Brantford, Ont., 6 pieces; Thos. O. Pardoe, jr., of Ingersoll, Ont., 153 pieces; Geo. Hartley, of Montreal, Que., 8 pieces; F. H. Blanchard, of Brockton, Mass., 14 pieces; M. A. Swanbeck, of Kansas City, Kan., 50 pieces; C. D. Reimers, of Iowa City, Iowa, 12 pieces. The following received from the publishers: American Philatelist and Collector, Vol. 1, No. 9; The Numismatist, Vol. 4, No. 1.

Yours in P. S. of C.,
ED. JAQUES, *Librarian.*

EXECUTIVE REPORT.

To the Members of the P. S. of C.:

Mr. Miller has placed his resignation as Official Collector of the P. S. of C. in the hands of the Executive, who have appointed Mr. E. J. Phillips, 46 Bay Street, Toronto, (care of Caldecott, Burton and Spence) to fill the office for the balance of the year. All communications addressed to him will receive prompt attention.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 18th, 19th and 20th August next, the First Annual Convention of the P. S. of C. (Incorporated) will be held in Ottawa. We earnestly trust all our members will be in attendance. We also extend an invitation to all the members of the A P. A. We sincerely hope that not a few but all the members will visit our *wigwam*, and they will never regret it.

Yours very truly,
W. J. BEATTY, *for Executive.*

THE NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations are published in accordance with constitution:

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All of which are respectfully submitted.

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EDITORIAL.

The P. S. of C. Convention will be held in Ottawa, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 18, 19 and 20. First day, Thursday, 9 a.m., Convention will meet for calling roll, appointing committees, etc.; 1.30 p.m., Convention business; 3.30, visit to Parliament buildings, Stamp Exhibit, Gov. Museum and other points of interest; 7.30, reception and entertainment to delegates at Electric Park. Second day, Friday, 9 a. m., Convention meets for business, nominating of officers, etc.; 1.30 p.m., reports of committees, election of officers, etc.; 3.30, visit to Chaudiere Falls, Hull, Que., etc.; 7.30, stamp auction and complimentary supper. Third day, Saturday, Convention meets at 10 a.m. also at 2 p.m.; 3.30, trip on Electric Railway, and visit to points of interest; 7.30, Grand Finale, by Branches Nos. 1 and 11. Members attending Convention should send their names in at once to W. J. Beatty, Chairman of Committee, P.O. Dept., Ottawa, Ont., and state time they will arrive. Every P. S. of C. member should have one of the badges. Send 20 cents to Mr. Beatty and receive one, post free. Delegates arriving should wear these badges so that the reception commmittee can distinguish them easily.

The following Hotels are central and recommended:

The Grand Union - - - -	$1.50 per day.
The Windsor - - - - -	1.50 per day.
The Brunswick - - - - -	1.50 per day.

Dealers may bring stock and sell at Convention after business is over. Collectors may bring their duplicates and have them put up at the stamp auction, no charges.

We desire every P. S. of C. member to be on hand at the Convention.

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MUTUAL PROTECTION is *a something* much to be desired, by every dealer and collector. It is also a something, that we obtain very little of at present. Many ways, equally efficient, could be mentioned as a method of securing this, but the main power needed to bring them all about is *Co-operation*. The cure is as hard to procure as mutual protection itself is. Collectors seem to lack confidence in each other, owing to the constant failure of schemes (?) brought forward by collectors of no prominence or *reliability*. We have noticed with pleasure and satisfaction of late the growing interest in this matter. In Great Britain a protective society has been formed, and even here in Canada, its benefits are plainly visible. A small magazine has been recently established for the sole purpose of exposing the *many* frauds plying their detestable vocation. Such a paper is of great value and affords us a measure of protection, and it can be made to be even more beneficial by dealers and collectors publishing names of frauds *more* promptly. A paper of the above class published *weekly* would be a boon to collectors. Dealers should insist on more prompt returns for sheets, and in this way it would not be necessary to wait so long before being convinced as to the character and responsibility of the agent. Some of our contemporaries are of late, endeavoring to form a society whose sole object shall be a system of protection of dealers and collectors. Of all societies that would be *really beneficial* if properly managed would be one with the above objects. The organization could publish a small weekly sheet as an "informant," and thereby keep its *members* informed in regard to counterfeits, frauds, etc. The Philatelic Press is *the only* and *the powerful* medium through which we can agitate and accomplish such an end. This is a matter of great importance, and collectors, dealers and *publishers* should take hold of the matter. It would be well-used space, devoted to its agitation in the magazines. Philatelic journalists, let us have your views and suggestions. We feel assured that if taken hold of promptly and rightly managed, great results can be accomplished.

All our subscribers are requested to examine the number on their wrapper, which signifies the issue of this paper with which their subscription expires. We request prompt renewals, and in order to miss no numbers, renewals should be made *in the month that the subscription expires.* Paper will in no case be sent after expiration of the subscription. A large number of subscriptions expire this month, and we trust that those who desire the paper continued will renew promptly. During our next volume the *standard* and *size* of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST will be very materially increased, and we have many good things in store for our readers. Renew your subscription.

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Mr. Thos. O. Pardoe, jr., of Ingersoll, has announced the publication of a small book devoted solely to the interests of the P. S. of C. The book will contain the revised constitution, list of officers and members, complete catalogue of library, and other matters of interest in connection with the P. S. of C. Two thousand copies will be issued for free distribution. This little work has its purpose—to boom the P. S. of C., and it will no doubt succeed.

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The Union Postal Union at a recent convention (1891) decided that all countries in the Postal Union should issue Reply Post Cards for both foreign and domestic use. One of the countries that has not as yet complied with this requisition is the United States. Now, however, we shall, in all probability, see these cards early in the fall, as the contract has been awarded to the Morgan Envelope Co., of Springfield, Mass. The first trial instalment of cards will consist of 24,000,000. The size of the cards, it is said, will be 3½ by 5 inches; the color of the paper used for the cards will be light blue; the designs will be similar to the ordinary cards now in use, with the exception that in addition to that design, they will both have an ornamental border. The color of the stamp on the card has not as yet been decided. As the contract has been awarded, the machinery ordered, and arrangements almost completed, it is expected that a small supply will be on sale at all the principal Post Offices by Sept. 30th at the latest.

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The editor of the review column of the *American Philatelist*, in reviewing "The Stamps of British North America" and "Mr. H. F. Ketcheson's Standard Catalogue of Canadian Stamps" says: "The prices, in two works, particulary those affixed to the revenues, vary greatly from each other, and one of the two publishers must be 'away off.'" Yes, Bro. Stone, we are well aware that there is quite a little difference in some of the prices, *but* if you will compare them again you will, we think, find that the prices in 'The Stamps of British North America' are considerably lower than those of Mr. Ketcheson's catalogue.

Many of our subscribers and correspondents have, of late, sent us queries requesting the address of a collector who is able and willing to *identify* stamps for his younger collecting friends. Replying to the above we would say that we are always willing and glad to render our fellow-collectors such a service as the above, and we imply but one condition, and that is that return postage is enclosed. In U. S. stamps more especially is difficulty found by younger collectors in their identification, owing to the fact that none of the American catalogues illustrate them, because of the stringent regulation of the United States Government forbidding the illustration of a government security of any kind whatever.

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Probably of all the stamps ever issued during the past fifty years, no set has ever been issued with a more unique lot of designs than that of the recent 1892 issue of Liberia. One of the most interesting of the set, is the four cent value, which represents a scene in in African jungle. In the background we see palm trees, while in the foreground a large elephant is grazing. The designs of the other values are almost quite as interesting, and we only wish we could spare the space to give such of our readers as have not seen them, a description of this interesting issue.

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Considerable interest and talk has been brought about among the U. S. Philatelists in reference to a suggestion for the issue of a set of stamps for the World's Fair. The suggestion is a very acceptable one for Philatelists, and, owing to the feasibility of the plan, we have little doubt but what the Government will take hold of the matter, and that it will eventually result in the desired issue. A contemporary, speaking of the above topic, states that the value of such a series of stamps as the above to the Exposition as an advertising medium would be very great. Every outgoing letter, with these stamps thereto affixed, would remind foreigners that the greatest Exposition ever held was at present exhibiting in the States. Among the designs suggested, one is that the different values contain pictures of the different buildings, views, etc. of the exhibition, and that the stamps be similar in size to the 1869 issue, and that the values of 12, 25 and 50 cents be substituted for the 15, 30 and 90 cent stamps now in use.

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United States, 1861, 3 cent, pink	05	20
United States, 1869, 3 cent, blue	10	70
United States, 1872, 1 cent, blue	—	10
United States, 1872, 3 cent, green	—	08
United States, 1872, 10 cent, brown	—	25
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United States, 1888, 4 cent, carmine	20	1 25
United States, 1890, 4 cent, brown	—	25
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United States, 1890, 30 oent, black	18	1 75
United States, common, per 1000	—	25
United States, envelopes, per 1000, sq. cut	—	50
United States, revenues, assorted, per 1000	—	1 50
*Costa Rica, ½ real	10	65
*New Brunswick, 1 cent, brown	85	8 00
*New Brunswick, 2 cent, yellow	60	4 50
*New Brunswick, 5 cent, green	25	2 25
*New Brunswick, 17 cent, black	2 00	17 50
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STAMP COLLECTING.

BY J. C.

Why have you such a craze on this subject? Is it for amusement, or instruction, or profit, in a pecuniary point of view? This is a question often asked. Some stamp magazines have been printing stories of wonderful finds of valuable stamps, by which the heavily mortgaged homestead was redeemed, and recommending the pursuit for the sole purpose of making money. But this is a belittleing of the work of the philatelist. Let no young people engage in this work with that idea, but let no parent or guardian discourage the young stamp collector. It is a great thing to have some object, some interest in life, and every scrap of useful knowledge gained is like the ever widening circle from a pebble thrown into a pool of water, we know not how it may result or be useful in the future in far different pursuits. It is well to see young people interested in such a harmless occupation. And what is gained? The powers of observation are developed, trained, strengthened, habits of neatness are cultivated, memory improved, knowledge of countries, their history, sovereigns, coins, flags, and stores of historical lore are gained. The knowledge of geography obtained by the boy or girl collector is wonderful. The vast German empire now with one stamp, where some years ago its kingdoms, duchies, free towns had each one a separate stamp. And now we have United Italy, with the head of Humbert, where formerly were the stamps of Sardinia, Naples, Sicily, Tuscany.

How strange that from Atlantic to Pacific our Queen's head stamps has replaced the different stamps of the provinces, with their variety of codfish, beaver, Jacques Cartier, ships, Prince of Wales, Prince Albert. And south of us how are we reminded of that terrible time of tears and blood, when the nation was almost rent asunder, as we look at the Confederate stamps and contrast its pale tint with the carmine of to-day. In Spain too during the time that our Victoria has sat unmoved on her throne, what different faces do we find, Queen Isabella, Amadeus, Alfonso, the baby king, and those grim looking Carlist heads.

Who as a British subject, or indeed as the subject of any country, can fail to be impressed with the extent of that empire on which the sun never sets, on seeing so frequently recurring on the pages of his album, that serene face of majesty on the stamps of islands, dotting the sea, east and west and north and south.

There is no doubt that in Canada the pursuit of Philately has taken many strides forward in the last year, and the CANADIAN PHILATELIST has done much in this direction, with the publication of the handbooks, giving accurate information in so many points, information which is very valuable, for there are many false ideas with regard to the value of stamps. What exaggerated ideas have some, thinking anything old must necessarily be valuable. With what an air have stamps been presented to us, as if rare, which were absolutely valueless. The collector often meets with much disappointment, from the want of close powers of observation in those whom he asks for help, often finding what was promised as a great treasure of no use whatever. Sometimes however the reverse is the case, and the collector is agreeably surprised in coming unexpectedly on a treasure indeed.

And what strange stories are there brought up by many stamps in our collection. Turning over the stamp albums of our friends is a great source of amusement, each collection having some choice stamp, valueless perhaps when placed there, but now not to be replaced by purchase or in any other way. Lately I saw several fourpence and sixpence vermilion stamps of Newfoundland, pasted down solid, and perhaps it was as well, for the owner was quite ignorant of their value. Here is a stamp from Hayti which will always bring back the thought of what was almost a tragedy. It was given to me still damp from half an hour's saturation in the waters of Lake Ontario, while ten persons clung to a sail boat, upset in sight of the Stars and Stripes on one side of the river, and the Union Jack on the other. What thoughts must have gone through their minds during the suspense when death seemed so near. Here is a Canadian sixpence sent me by a friend in Scotland, preserved though many vicissitudes. Here is a new bright one cent U. S. 1857 found in a book which had been lying for thirty years in a trunk unused, the young wife who intended to use it has been in her grave for all these years and the daughter who never saw her mother comes unexpectedly upon this reminder. Here is a stamp from Turk's Island which always brings up the thought of a beautiful bouquet made entirely of shells from that shore, the ingenuity and delicacy with which the tiny shells were adapted for buds, petals, leaves, sprays, being wonderful. Here is a Siam stamp, originally in a letter from a young lady missionary who goes as a bride but soon came a telegram of her death, but still come the regularly written letters weekly for a month. Oh the pathos of it, we almost doubt in such a case the benefit of the submarine cable.

An eight cent Canadian register came to my hands the other day, all that I had previously seen were uncancelled, but this came on a letter, the eight cents to stand for the five cent registration, and the three cents for the postage ; it bears the mark of cancelling.

My British Columbia stamps remind me of wonderful stories of adventure, endurance, hardships, persevering hard work at the mines when the four hundred miles to Cariboo had to be trudged on foot. The letters all came by way of San Francisco, and sometimes a valuable B. C. stamp has been found covered up by a U. S. stamp.

But enough has been said to show in point of interest, for information, amusement, formation of good habits, sentiment, a collection of postage stamps need not be despised.

ANTI-AMALGAMATION.

BY A DISSENTER.

Amalgamation ! The foregoing topic has been the heading of various articles, published in the Philatelic Press, during the past few months. I, myself, am far from being in favor of the movement so advocated, for it is my strong belief that our various Philatelical Associations, at present in active operation, are doing far more good in their present separated form than could be accomplished as an amalgamated national body. Let us look to the cause of this agitation. We find that it originated during the decline of the American Philatelic Association, and that the agitators were in the greater part composed of the members of the said Association, who considered it a suitable plan of bolstering up their somewhat shattered finances, and rapidly declining membership. The agitation was promptly taken hold of by the leading American journals, probably as a good subject to fill up space, for I am personally aware that some of the editors who devoted their space to this *hue* and *cry* were themselves against amalgamation. I fail to see the advantages the smaller societies would obtain by consolidation with the greater, unless it be the latter's incorporation. If such be the *only* desired end, is it not feasible for the said smaller organizations to take out incorporations. As a member of *all* of the five organizations who would be most likely to be affected by amalgamation, I may say that in *four* of the *five* associations I find that the majority of my fellow-members disfavor the idea of having their identity lost by the union under one amalgamated head. Among the many objections which could be brought forward, did space permit, might mention that the classes of collectors for which some of these organizations were formed differ materially. Take *The Sons of Philately*, a representative society for the younger and, I might say, non-scientific class of collectors, would by amalgamation with the A. P. A., which latter is an association for the advanced or scientific class of collectors, both lose their identity as supporters of their respective classes of members. I do not wish to reflect on any of the societies, as I have an interest in all, but I am persuaded that their benefits would be more widespread than they would be in the case that amalgamation became a fact. Another part of the topic refers to the amalgamation of the *State Societies*. I disfavor this last, even more so than I do the first. One of the main objects of the *State Societies* is to bring about personal intercourse between philatelists, which is so little done by *national societies*, owing to the scattered area over which their membership extends. The state societies are doing a deal of good in various ways, and I hope the time is not far distant when *every* state will have a large and powerful organization within its borders. Let all our societies retain their identity, exist as separate bodies, and the more numerous and widespread our societies, national, local, and state, become, in like proportion will their assistance to the general growth of Philately be felt. The conventions which have recently been held, on the whole made but little progress toward amalgamation, which I am pleased to note. Our associations are our backbone ; let them have all of your support, time and influence you possibly can and so increase their power.

The Post-Office Department has been notified of the admission, on the 1st of July, of the Transvall, Natal, Bosnia and Herzegovina into the postal union.

JUST SOMETHING MORE.

BY EKS. PLUSTOO.

A well-known English poet has chosen as the subject of a poem, one of a large class of persons, whom he thus very vividly and correctly describes; or rather he pictures to us the faint impressions left upon some minds by subjects that in other minds create unbounded enthusiasm.

> "A primrose by the river's brim,
> A *yellow* primrose it was to him,
> And it was nothing more."

So as I thought over the matter a little, it seemed to me that with a somewhat different wording it would be a very realistic presentation of a great majority of us stamp collectors. Our 90c U. S. is a blue, or a carmine, or a purple stamp. Our 6d. Canada is a purple or a lilac. Our shilling New Brunswick is a violet stamp, and these are nothing more. And yet from before the die is cut which leaves its impression to become the talisman by which our thoughts find access to every part of the civilized world, until ceasing from its wandering, that same impression adorns the pages of our albums with beauty and with grace, there is a wide extending field of nobler purpose and loftier inspiration than so many of us are satisfied to enjoy in our little area of stamp color, make of paper, perforation, watermark, etc.

Man is said to be an imitative being, he learns to walk, and talk, and act by imitation; he gathers, buys, and sells, and exchanges stamps by that same innate faculty. To that same innate faculty must we ascribe the almost endless panorama of heads of kings, and queens, and emperors; presidents, and priests, and statesmen, that bedeck our philatelic treasures, and the few innovations that have been made to the time-honored penny of 1840. But the fact that a few variations have been made is cause for satisfaction, and every collector should use every effort in his power to induce the designers of the world's postage stamps to step out into the circle of nature and materially increase our hill, and dale, and mountain; our stars, and tree, and flower, and full-blown landscape upon their stamp designs. What oasis amid the deserts of heads are the beaver of Canada, the quezel of Guatamala, the lyrebird, the kangaroo, and the cassowary of New South Wales; add to these the Tasmanian platypus, the black swan of Western Australia, the peruvian llamas, the dog, seal and cod-fish of Newfoundland, and the mountains of Bolivia, Nicaragua and Salvador and our picture gallery of natural objects, if we except newer issues, is almost exhausted. And what landscapes have we? If we omit historical representations we have scarcely an example outside the lofty, towering summits of Costa Rica, the rolling meadows of Liberia, and the light on land and sea displayed upon the Hawaiian envelopes.

Again, man is an imaginative being, by the exercise of this faculty a broomstick becomes a charger, his tin sword a Damascene blade; his first collection a priceless treasure, and his rarities without a parallel. With such an attribute, and a suggestive design what visions might we have of nature's wide and varied productions, visions of fruit, and flowers, and field of golden grain; and palm, and plant, and picture; bird, and beast, and scenes innumerable. And what an added beauty these would scatter through our collections, in addition to the higher culture, the wider knowledge, the deeper interest evolved thereby.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR.

Three months ago he did not know
His lessons in geography ;
Though he could spell, and read quite well,
And cipher, too, he could not tell
The least thing in topography.

But what a change ! How passing strange ;
This stamp collecting passion
Has roused his zeal, for woe or weal,
And lists of names he now can reel
Off in amazing fashion.

I hear him speak of Mozambique,
Heligoland and Bavaria,
Cashmere, Japan, Thibet, Soudan,
Sumah, Spain, Waldeck, Kohran,
Ceylon, Siam, Bulgaria.

Schleswig-Holstein, Oh ! boy of mine,
Genius without a teacher !
Wales, Panama, Scinde, Bolivar,
Jellalabad and Kanahar,
Cabul, Deccan, Helvetia.

And now he longs for more Hong-Kongs,
A Fiji, a Mauritius,
Greece, Borneo, Fernando Po,
And when he'll stop no one can know,
He's grown so avaricious.

—*Exchange.*

NOTES FROM THE WORLD'S FAIR CITY.

Mr. N. E. Carter, of *Badger State Philatelist* fame, and now a resident of Minneapolis, was in the city a few hours a short time ago.

S. B. Bradt & Co. held their seventh auction sale Wednesday evening, Sept. 14. A number of good lots were catalogued, and experience has proved that Chicago sustains its reputation as an auction center as well as the future center of the universe. Messrs. Bradt & Co. are now at work cataloguing the collection of Mr. Chas. Townsend, Akron, Ohio, which will be sold in October.

The heat of the summer months has not had its usual effect on philately this year, and especially has this fact been a noticable one here in Chicago. The meetings of the C. P. S. have been always well attended, from 12 to 20 members usually dropping in during an evening. The C. P. S. has a variety of members; there are summer members, winter members, indifferent members, and in fact, a complete category of variations. There are some though, who are always on hand, and who do not have to be reminded that there is to be something of grave importance to be transacted. P. M. (Wolsieffer) is one of those members who hasn't a string tied around his finger at all times, and the second and fourth Thursday of each month always finds him ready for roll call. The *new issue* at home, of course, has something to say as to Pa's assiduity. P. M. you know is in the music business too, and as a part of his trade is compelled to often hum over a new song to some aspiring beauty, and, as a matter of course, new songs are not always easily sung at first sight ; but when a young lady recently asked for Emmett's " Lullaby," P. M.'s face lighted up, and it is said he sang for dear life. It evidently was not an old song. Our genial secretary C. E. Severn, is another of the old stand-by's, always at his post of duty, and ever mindful of the society's business. Although he has been ill considerable of of the summer, he always manages to call the roll and mark the delinquents. He is one of those pleasant and agreeable fellows, the kind that characterizes this world of ours by their usual sagacity. Dilg is not one of our summer members. The C.P.S. exchange department takes too much of his time I presume. Be such the ease or not, it cannot be denied that the wonderful success of this department is due to his efficient service. He doesn't love the *American Philatelist* though. (Did any one say ep-i-tome? Ask Dilg.) Mr Jansen is another of our non-summerites, and he is our worthy president too. Mr. Fritz has a night off once in a while, that is when the brewery is closed for the summer, and drops in at a meeting occasionally and livens matters up a bit. Speaking of breweries reminds me of the St. Louis Convention, of Beardsley, the hat, etc. Mr. B. will be compelled to look to his laurels if he comes to the Chicago Convention in '93, if Bro. Fritz is here. If Chicago runs dry Milwaukee is close at hand.

The question of permanent quarters is at present a perplexing one for the C. P. S. We want a place to entertain our friends in '93, but we can't buy the Grand Pacific or the Aetna either, can we P. M.? " Speaking of Ellen," excuse me, I should say "Aetna," again reminds me of P. M.'s experience as a member of the committee of permanent location. Rooms were offered him in the Aetna Hotel, and the proprietor was very agreeable in displaying and relating the special advantages of his house. "A quiet game" would not be disturbed, nor would any questions be asked, etc. Some people do have such natural propensity in " sizing" up a man, but we never believe it of P. M. But what was best of all was what P. M. saw through an open door. The C. P. S. will engage the whole floor.

I have heard nothing definite from the Iowa Convention of philatelists at Des Moines, on Aug. 31. I read, some place, that Mr. C.D. Reimers would represent his *Western Philatelist* at the meeting, but as I saw him that day at the Park Theatre, I doubt very much if he " broke away" in time ; Harris saw him later though.

Rumors of an attempt to organize an Illinois State Philatelic Association are hovering about our World's Columbian Exposition city. Why not? Illinois is second to but one state in the union in philatelic importance, and has an excellent field for such an organization. Let it be done by all means. What is the object of an association? Rather, what should be the object of such an organization? To further tne interests of our pursuit. Let us organize an association with practically one object ; to create an interest in our hobby among the younger generation ; interest our young friends in our pleasure ; initiate them into the mysteries of our art. Let someone start the ball.

The *Western Philatelist* for September is quite an improvement over former numbers, but not yet typical of Chicago's publication of old. It contains 12 pages and cover, and its general make-up looks very much like Spooner's *Stamp*; it is, too, published in Maryland. The Review department is quite an interesting feature and is quite extensive. Chicago is an unfortunate city for philatelic publications, but here's for good luck.

A. P. A. Branch No. 1 held a meeting August 25, and though not largely attended was an important one. Resolutions were adopted and signatures appended, requesting the appointment of Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer as resident Vice-President. The S. B. Bradt & Co. have kindly offered their spacious quarters at 132 Wabash Avenue for meeting purposes, twice a month.

STRAY HUMOR.

We would like to give General Hazen a few ideas for the subject of the issue of stamps in connection with the discovery of this country by the immortal Columbus. Having had access to the MSS. of the family, we are enabled to give incidents in his life that the ordinary voyagers through this vale of tears wot not of.

We would suggest the following designs for the World's Fair Issue, and that the face value of the stamp tally with the corresponding year in the life of our hero, when the different events transpired.

The public will please observe that no mention is made in the MSS. of a ha chet or a cherry tree, so that in all probability he did not discover what Mr. Chadhaud calls the "Light of Terewth."

1c. 1st year—Columbus discovers himself considerably astonished.

2c. 2nd year—Practises gum chewing and thereby discovers molars.

3c. 3rd year—Columbus begins life as a traveller by discovering the cellar (head first), is brought up in the same position and liberally interviewed by Mrs. Columbus, senior.

4c. 4th year—Upsets the parental banana-stand. More trouble.

5c. 5th year—Columbus explores the sensational with his first cigarette, subsequent sensations varied, and therefore left to the fancy of the purchaser.

6c. 6th year—Explores the alphabet of sunny Italy —*with* clouds.

10c. 10th year—Explores the domain of love. Casts sheep's eyes at a small Genoese maiden. Is delivered from making an avowal of his passion by the size of the foot of the father of his immorata.

15c. 15th year—Columbus discovers he can lick the son-of-a-gun across the fence next door. Discovers new bumps in his cranium produced in the process.

30c. 30th year—Starts on his voyages, and by *whirling the sphere*, so to speak, foreshadows the national pastime.

90c. 90th year—Can find no mention in the MSS. Spends his time now chiefly on a *bust*. Subject for stamp—*Saint* Columbus and Saint Patrick, as the two benefactors of the Irish.—*Phil. Monthly.*

The distinguishable difference between a postage stamp and a donkey—one gets licked with a stick, and the other gets sticked with a lick.

Baby Alfonso is on the Spanish new postage stamps. He'll now get licked even oftener than he deserves.—*New York Recorder.*

Enter an old lady from the country, accompanied by a little miss, evidently her grand-daughter:—

Old Lady—"Is this where I get the stamps ?"

Fair Stamp Distributor—"Yes, how many ?"

O. L.—"How much have I got to pay for a three cent stamp ?"

Collapse of F. S. D. and by-standers.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

F. H. POUNT, South Lyne, Ct.—Your stamp is a common German Local of little or no value.

E. W., Tadalia, Miss.—You have been credited with a six months' subscription for amount sent ; your subscription came to hand after rates were raised.

A.R. HEINZER, Toronto.—You can obtain sample copy by addressing 11 Queen Victoria Street, London, E. C., England.

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. S. Robertson, of St. Thomas, Ontario, the exchange superintendent of the Philatelic Society of Canada, is a leading barrister of that city. Mr. Robertson possesses one of the finest known collections of British North American stamps, it being valued at upwards o four thousand dollars.

Mr. A. H. Milligan, who for some time past has been engaged in stamp dealing, has decided to devote his entire attention to the business, and has opened an office in the western part of this city.

Mr. Walter McMahon, one of the leading Toronto collectors, called on us recently. Mr. McMahon is engaged in the furnishing business, in connection with his father.

Mr. C. H. Holden, of Port Dover, whose monthly auction sales were so successful a venture, has removed to Muskegon, Mich., where he will continue his sales.

Mr. A. R. Rogers of New York is connected with and interested in the Rogers Carbon Co. of that city. Mr. Rogers is one of the strongest props of the A. P. A.

Mr. C. D. Reimers, late of Iowa City, Iowa, has removed to Chicago, and will continue the publication of the *Western Philatelist* from that place.

The editor and publisher of the *Detroit Philatelist* is engaged as book-keeper in the Western Union Telegraph Co. of Detroit.

The annual address of Jno. K. Tiffany, the President of the A. P. A., at the convention of the American Philatelic Association was a fine piece of composition, showing much underlying thought. Mr. Tiffany is a leading light among St. Louis barristers.

Mr. G. B. McLelland, of the City of Mexico, is attending school in this city.

Mr. H. W. Liddicoatt, who possesses one of the finest collections in London, is head master in the London West School. His collection contains between six and seven thousand varieties.

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

The warm damp weather has played sad havoc with postage stamps that were remitted through the mails in payment of small obligations. The loss to the business public in this way is no inconsiderable amount. It is a shame that Uncle Sam can do ne better by his busy nephews who make his Post-office Department a success.

The invention of the post office is ascribed to Cyrus, king of Persia, who lived about 600 B.C. Cyrus required all of his governors of provinces to write to him exact accounts of everything that occurred in their several districts and armies. The Persian Empire was of vast extent, and some means had to be provided to render that correspondence sure and expeditious. Cyrus therefore caused post-offices to be built and messengers appointed in every province. He found how far a good horse, with an experienced rider, could travel in a day without being hurt, and then had stables built in proportion, at equal distances from each other. At each of these places he also appointed post-masters, whose duty it was to receive the letters from the couriers as they arrived, and give them to others, and to give fresh horses in exchange for those that had performed their part of the journey. Thus the post went continually night and day, rain or snow, heat or cold, and Cyrus received speedy news of all occurrences, and sent back whatever orders he considered necessary. Darius, the last king of the ancient Persians, was superintendent of them before he came to the throne.

CURIOSITIES OF THE POST OFFICE.—Among the eccentricities in the Postmaster-General's report for Great Britain and Ireland are the following: On the 4th September a small cardboard box containing a live kitten was brought into the Parcel Post Office at Preston Station. The packet, which was addressed to Garstang, had been shot from the mail bag apparatus near Penrith into the express train. The kitten, though seriously alarmed, escaped with comparatively slight injury, but did not recover from the shock for a day or two. The sender, with a singular mixture of thoughtfulness and indifference, had provided a bottle of milk with a tube through the cork for the sustenance of the animal on the journey. The beverage was untouched, and it is to be hoped that such experience will not be repeated. Amongst the contents of parcels which reached the Returned Letter Office there were, as usual, a variety which were sent contrary to the well known regulations of the Department, for example, 500 leeches from abroad, live snakes, frogs, tame rats and a live locust from the Cape of Good Hope. In an Indian mail bag, sealed before departure and not opened until its arrival in London some three weeks subsequently, was discovered a specimen of the Indian mouse, which arrived alive and unhurt after its lengthened journey without any indication of having suffered from want of food. A letter posted by a lady in the neighborhood of Leamington without any address, and without any clue to the sender, was found to contain two £100 Bank of England notes, which, after enquiry, were traced to her and duly returned. The lady, in gratitude for the safe return of her property, sent a contribution of £30 to the Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund.

ENGLISH NOTES.

BY C. J. COX.

The Stamp Collectors of France are to have the same treat as we had in 1890, to wit—A Stamp Exhibition is intended to be held in Paris in October next, when the Philatelists of France will have some treasures on view. Another Stamp Exhibition in London is being talked about over here, to be held next year. Should they have another one the late Mr. Tapling's superb collection of British Guiana, Mauritius, etc., will be very much missed.

It is surprising how some stamps get so much reduced in price. Take for instance Mexico, 1864, of which the market seems to be over-stocked. These sets of 4 Mexico 1864 are now being sold for 6d. On reference to several lists of two years ago, I find that these sets where then sold at 3sh. per set! Are the above reprints, or are they a lot that have been brought to light accidentally?

The ranks of Philately are not without their royal supporters. The Duke of Edinburgh and Prince George of Wales are both ardent collectors. The Duke of Edinburgh's collection includes a fine set of Greek errors, and unused stamps of Uruguay early issues.

The Post Office issued an order recently, in which they say that information having been received from the Portuguese Postal authorities that no parcels or sample packets for Portugal, sent via France, will be allowed to cross the Portuguese frontier. All such packets and parcels will be sent by mail steamer to Lisbon.

Philately is at a standstill over here, and every one is looking forward to the next season.

A 4½d. stamp has been in contemplation by the Post Office authorities for some time past, but up to the present, it has not yet been adopted.

Mr. Henniker Heaton will be disappointed in the hope he once entertained that Canada would show England the way in the matter of imperial penny postage. Sir Adolphe Caron, the Dominion Postmaster-General, expressed his personal admiration for the idea, but he made it clear that Canada's financial position will not allow of her indulging in the luxury. Canada now pays $125,000 for the carriage of mails to Great Britain, while the revenue derived from home-bound mails is only $58,800, which, added to the $14,565 received for the British Mails sent to Canada by Canadian Packet, make a total revenue of only $73,365, and leaves an annual deficit on the service.

The annual report of the British Post Office has now been issued, and the items are very gratifying. The total revenue is £10,402,700, and total expenditure £7,201,821, leaving a profit of £3,200,879.

The London Philatelic Society have lost the valuable services of Mr. Philbrick, Q. C., after being connected with the society for the past twenty-three years. The Earl of Kingston has been chosen as successor to the Presidential chair.

A new paper, called the *London Philatelist*, has been issued, and is far above the ordinary standard of philatelic papers.

IT IS REPORTED

☞ That among the most ridiculous acts of the U. S. Post Office department, the authorities actually fumigated Canadian mails for England, subjecting them to a delay of nearly a week. This is outrageous, that mail from a country where there is *no cholera*, should be subjected to fumigation.

☞ That the P. S. of C. will let an American paper have the contract for official organship, *pro tem.*

☞ That Messrs. Dickson and Bernstein, of this city, will publish a new journal, the "Philatelic Journal of Canada," sometime during September. It will consist of 16 pages and cover.

☞ That the Mexican unpaid letter stamps are frauds of the worst description. They were issued by a Mexican dealer as a speculation.

☞ That the Canadian Association will abandon its exchange department.

☞ That a party in Geneva, by the name of Henri Gœgg, is advertising counterfeit Swiss stamps of rare Cantons, Balse, etc., as reimpressions, and offers them cancelled at 20 cents each. Collectors should exercise great caution in purchasing these stamps.

☞ By Canadensis, in a recent issue of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, that the publication rights of the Canadian Philatelist had been transferred to Messrs. Bernstein and Dickson, of this city; such a step was never thought of, nor even suggested. Where did you get you information, Canadensis?

☞ By the *Philatelic Era*, that carmine and rose can be chemically changed into brown, orange, yellow and gray; brick-red, orange and yellow into brown, yellow, green and gray; green into brown, yellow, blue, violet and gray; blue into brown, orange, yellow, green, violet and black; ultramarine into yellow, brown and gray; violet into rose, yellow, green, blue and gray.

☞ That the Bogert and Durbin Co. have undertaken to dispose of Mr. Sterling's rare New Haven Local, and have advanced $1000 as security on it. Which is the rarest, this stamp or the "Mauritius Post Office"?

☞ That Germany is to issue a new set of stamps in the near future.

☞ That the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* has changed hands.

☞ That there are only six stamp magazines in the world that *pay*.

☞ By a correspondent of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, that of a recent provisional issue in Straits Settlement, he holds 230,000 out of the 250,000 issued. Suspicious, is it not?

☞ That the Committee of the *Paris Philatelic Exhibition* expect an attendance of over 10,000 collectors.

☞ That the first issue of the *Nebraska Stamp* has appeared.

MONTREAL NOTES.

BY SANA.

The next property transfer tax stamps will in future be sold at the stamp office at the Court House.

Mr. Edgar Nelton, of Chicago, was in town the last two weeks. He bought many good stamps for his collection; he then departed for Ottawa.

There are 150 stamp collectors known in Montreal, nearly all French people; also many ladies are interested in it.

Mr. J. David left for Waterloo, Que., on July the 20th, intending to buy a collection of 20 years old. Mr. David has written a fine piece about the Collectors of Montreal. It will be offered to the C. P. later on.

Following up a clue gained by a letter which lay for some time in the St. Jean Baptiste post office, Detective Lafontaine has located Willie Dallas, who left his home in this city eight years ago. He was then only nine years old and his parents were nearly frantic for some time, but at last he was given up as dead. Last week the detective received a letter from Deputy-Sheriff Thompson, of Bellows Falls, New Hampshire, informing him that the missing boy is alive and well at Keene, 18 miles from Bellows Falls. It is probable that Mr. Dallas will go out there to see his long lost son.

Detective Carpenter arrested a native of Damascus named Ameen Abou Loufty, who keeps a store at 49 St. Jean Baptiste Street, in the heart of a small Assyrian colony. He was charged with stealing a registered letter and the circumstances are these: Sometime ago Mrs. Mary Houssan came from New York, where she lived at 97 Washington Street, and stopped at accused's place. It is alleged she asked for registered letters and was told there was none. On returning to New York she found that the letter had been sent. At the Post Office here it was found that Loufty had received the letter, said to contain $300, from the Post Office. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded.

(Special Dispatch:)

THOS. O. PARDOE, JR., DECAMPED.

Complaints against the above named party have been very numerous of late. His latest scheme was the advertisement which appeared in various philatelic magazines, offering 4 varieties of Canadian stamped envelopes for $1. His victims are many. The envelopes, on arrival, proved to be merely the common hand stamped "Paid" envelopes, which are worthless. One of Pardoe's worst sufferers is Mr. J. J. Overton, of Cleveland, who sent $18 for 18 sets of the envelopes. Complaint was lodged with the Post Office Inspector at London, and with J. J. Hegler, Barrister, Ingersoll, with orders to prosecute. Search proved that, a few hours before, Pardoe and his father had skipped to Grand Ledge, Michigan. No pains or expense will be spared to bring this young rascal to justice. Sufferers may put their claims in our hands, and we will place them in the hands of the department. Collectors should deal cautiously with parties at Grand Ledge. He is at the Hotel Finkham.

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EDITORIAL.

"'Twas only a False Alarm." Our contemporaries from some unknown quarter, and we must say unreliable source, obtained information that this magazine had discontinued publication, and in other cases it was mentioned that the magazine had been sold, and publication would be renewed under new management. We can in no way account for these sudden and false reports, unless they have arisen from our resignation of the Official Organship of the Philatelic Society of Canada; and it may have been thought that our reason for resigning was a desire to cease publication; but not so. We never as much as thought of steps such as the above, as we are one of these "everlasting flowers" you hear of. We sincerely trust that none of our subscribers have suffered a nervous attack from the above reports. Our subscribers and their subscriptions are safe in our hands.

Review of Trade. Summer is usually termed the dull season of philately, winter the busy. The past summer season has been an unusual busy one; dealers have been compelled to retain their full force of winter clerks throughout the summer. We, ourselves, have had a heavier summer trade than usual. We are now on the verge of a busy season, and the prospects point to the fact that it will eclipse all former years in the history of our science. Dealers! To enjoy this trade you must judiciously advertise; a better advertising medium than this paper cannot be found. Our guaranteed circulation is 5,000 copies, extending through more than one hundred different countries. Every copy is carefully and judiciously placed where it will bring the best results to the advertiser. Our rates, $1 per inch, are very low, averaging but *20 cts. for every 1000 copies.* We guarantee our circulation, and know that a trial advertisement will ensure your regular patronage.

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A World's Fair Issue. In our last issue we mentioned the probability of the U. S. Government issuing a special set of stamps as a commemoration of the World's Fair. Our readers will no doubt be glad to learn that this looked-for issue is now a future fact. We see by leading United States periodicals, that Postmaster-General Wannamaker has *officially* announced his intention to make said issue, and that the designs will be very similiar to the issue of 1869, illustrating leading incidents in American history. The values of the new issue have not yet been made known, but it is expected that they will be the same as the current issue, the 30 and 90 cent values being succeeded by a 25 and 50 cent. It will in all probability be an issue that will do the United States Government great credit. It will, however, receive a warm welcome from the U. S. Philatelits, who like an issue as often as possible, *when* comforted by the assurance that "Seebeck" does not control it.

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Points of Progress. Among the many prominent features specially to be observed at present in the field of philately, is the progressiveness of the organized effort put forth. For instance, we may cite among others: the efforts for repealing duties on stamps in the United States and "The Organized Committee for the World's Fair Exhibit." These both bespeak great advancement. We also notice that philatelists are speaking forth the praises of our science to the outside world, insomuch that as a result of this, the public press all over the continent are publishing pages and pages of articles bearing on our cause, all of which materially assist our progress. As a philatelist, let no opportunity slip by when a chance presents itself to assist Philately in the preceding manner, the *Press.*

The "Seebeck" Issues. In the *Eagle Philatelist* for July we note an article on the Seebeck issues which is of more than passing interest. The writer is in our opinion, a little too severe in his criticism of these issues, not that we consider them worthy of the place, which if their beauty was taken into consideration they would occupy; but notwithstanding our knowledge of their source and origin, we can still find points that will counterbalance all negative opinions. One of the leading arguments advanced by philatelists, as a reason for their adherence to our science, is the beauty, the originality of design, the harmony of colors, and other similiar reasons. Now the above characteristics are the leading points which claim our adherence to the issue of those so-called "Seebecktized" countries. We can also commend the "Seebeck issues" for another thing, viz :— their low price; had their controller placed an exorbitant figure upon them we could justly complain. If the plates of these stamps are destroyed, as Mr. Seebeck *guarantees*, another strong objection is removed. There is but one strong objection that bears any forcible weight on the subject, and that is: We have already more varieties than we can well collect, and from *this standpoint*, Mr. Seebeck and his speculative issue are, *in a sense*, a nuisance. The latest victims to fall into his grasp are, Ecuador or Bolivia, and it is hinted strongly, that the recent issue of Liberia comes from a like source. Shall we collect these issues? Or shall we not? "That is the question?"

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The World's Fair. The philatelists of United States have of late been taking great interest in the proposed stamp exhibit to be held. Not only has it been talked about, but already their preparations for this event have taken definite shape. The large local societies have all taken more or less action in regard to it. Many of these societies have already appointed councellors to look after their interests. The American Philatelic Association and its committee are looked up to as the leaders. We believe the A. P. A. committee have already made arrangements for 1000 feet of space. The Staten Island Philatelic Society, at a recent meeting, passed a motion asking that the stamp exhibit be mounted on the sheets of the Staten Island permanent album, and that these sheets would be supplied free. The Philatelists of the United States and Canada should awake to the fact that active co-operation by all must necessarily be given in order to have it a success. With proper parties in charge of the exhibit it would serve the purpose of showing what the standing of philately really is. We expect to be able to lay before our readers much in regard to the plan of action taken by our U. S. brethren by next month. As yet, Canada has made no arrangements. It should be done and done quickly. To this end we would suggest that a committee of Canadian Philatelists be appointed to represent Canada at the World's Fair. Nominations are now in order; committees should consist of some (3 or 4) of the leading *collectors*, who will work. Any correspondence in regard to this will be cheerfully answered by the editor. Let us hear from you.

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Five Great Conventions. The past month has been an active one among the societies, five important and successful gatherings have been held, all of which passed off without the usual wrangling which is so common at conventions of all kinds. The First Annual Convention of the Sons of Philately was held at Gettsburg, Pa., on July 4; the American Philatelic Association held their Seventh Annual Convention at Niagara Falls, on August 15, 16 and 17; the Canadian Philatelic Association held their Convention on the Canadian side, the three following days; the Philatelic Society of Canada Convention was held at Ottawa, on August 18, 19 and 20; the Iowa Philatelic Association met at the Kirkwood House, Des Moines, on August 30 and 31. Let us congratulate ourselves on the happy termination of these gatherings.

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Bradt's 7th Sale. The S. B. Bradt Company held their Seventh Auction Sale, the first of this season, on September 14, inst. The Company have removed to new quarters, at 132 Wabash Avenue, where this sale was held. The sale consisted of 421 lots; no exceptional rarities were offered, the stamps being *mostly* of the cheaper kinds. Mr. C. M. Wilbur conducted the sale.

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The I. P. A. We have to thank the officers of the Iowa Philatelic Association for a neat and well got up invitation to their First Annual Convention at Des Moines, August 30 and 31. We regret that distance prevented our attendance.

To Members of P. S. of C This Journal has resigned the Official Organship of the P. S. of C. in order to have more room for reading matter. All members of the P.S. of C. formerly received this paper, as official organ, free. A sample copy of this issue is sent to every P.S. of C. member, with a cordial invitation to forward the required amount for their subscription at once, otherwise paper will necessarily be discontinued. We give more interesting reading matter each month than any other philatelic paper published for the price, and guarantee to fill all subscriptions. Send us your quarter, and insure our regular visits for twelve months.

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Re Amalgamation. The Iowa Philatelic Association, at the Convention, Des Moines, passed a motion, favoring it (Aug. 31). A vote has just been called on the subject, by the *Western Philatelic Union*, but at the time of going to press, has not as yet been announced. The P.S. of C. favors the motion, as also do most of the large societies. The Sons of Philately disfavor it.

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Our Retail List We would call the attention of our customers to the fact that our Third Annual Retail List has just been issued, and it is larger, cheaper and better than ever before. Every collector and dealer should possess a copy. To those who have not yet received it, we shall be pleased to forward it, *post free* on application.

"The Cholera Scare." Collectors and Philatelists in general, together with the post office clerks, seem more or less worried when they are compelled to handle European mail matter ; this on account of the prevalence of the cholera in some parts of Europe. At all the United States and Canadian entry posts, all the mails are fumigated, and this removes the apparent danger. The disease is raging in Germany at present ; will it cause the prices in old German stamps to drop their real value ?

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Our Chronicle and Literary Review, which have always been such a prominent part of this paper, will be resumed as usual in our October number. We were compelled to leave them out this month, owing to the pressure of other matter. Both of these departments are always complete and up to date.

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N. B. Shilling. Recent despatches from Europe, advise us that the price of this stamp has decreased 25% during the past month. The prices realized for it at various auction and private sales, during the past month, have hardly averaged 20 and 25 dollars for good specimens. The New Brunswick remainders of the cent issue have slightly advanced. European dealers experience a great demand for New Brunswick stamps.

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Our October Issue. We expect to have the report of the Paris Philatelic Exhibition. We have on hand, several superior articles for that issue, and that number will excel all our former issues. We would strongly advise those who have not as yet subscribed, to do so, for, in missing the above issue, you miss a treat.

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A Serious Fraud. John J. Morgan, of Trenton, N. J., has decamped, leaving hundreds of swindled dealers to bemoan his absence. Not only was he an approval sheet fraud, but every possible way of defrauding dealers, collectors and publishers was practised by him. He sent us an advertisement for insertion in this paper, but having our suspicions, same was refused. The Post Office Inspectors are searching for him; they say he secured thousands of dollars worth of stamps.

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Various Matters. The Exchange Department is ready for everybody, and the rates very low compared with our regular adv. rates.—Collectors and dealers would confer a favor on the publishers by forwarding us the names of all their stamp collecting friends.—Our Approval Sheet Department is in active operation—see advertisement !—Cash must be sent with copy by advertisers unknown to us.—Subscriptions must begin with current issue ; back numbers are very scarce and can only be supplied at 10 cts. each; no discount.

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I. PAPER.

BY THE EDITOR.

ONE of the greatest difficulties which presents itself to the young and inexperienced collector is that of distinguishing the points of differences between the many varieties of paper. These slight differences of paper make great differences in the prices of certain stamps, and are of considerable importance, if known. For instance, the Canada 1 cent brown, of 1868, is worth 10 cents on *wove* paper, $1.00 on *pelure* paper, on *water-marked* paper, $2.25, and on *laid* paper, $15.00 to $20.00. Thus the necessity of being able to distinguish the difference is readily apparent. The *principal* varieties of paper that come under the notice of a collector are all that I will attempt to deal with. *Wove paper*, the commonest of all varieties of paper, and that generally met with, is easily distinguished. It shows an even texture throughout, and when held before the light shows in the texture small dots close together, and evenly distributed throughout the surface; in thickness it varies greatly, from the thinnest of *tissue paper* to cardboard. It is nearly always used for ordinary printing, such as newspapers, books, etc.; and in the printing of postage stamps it is used eight times out of ten. This magazine is printed on *wove* paper. Wove paper exists in two varieties, *water-marked wove* and *plain wove*. The latter is distinguished by the absence of the water-mark. *Laid paper* is not as often met with as the wove, yet it is found more frequently than the other varieties. Laid paper has, close together in its substance, parallel water-mark lines; for example, see the cover of this magazine, or the U.S. stamped envelopes. *Pelure paper* is one of the varieties which present a great difficulty to the average collector. It is a *variety* of wove. It is distinguished by the absence of the dots which form a characteristic of the wove, by its tough texture, by its somewhat rough surface, which appears to be composed of small fibres or hairs — *Batonne paper* has parallel lines in its surface further apart than in laid paper. In England it is commonly called "foreign note." It may also be either laid or wove, though generally the latter. *Carton paper*, though occasionally mentioned, is a variety seldom met with. It is of a heavy, indistinct texture, resembling cardboard; for example, see the stamps of Rampour. *Old paper* is a term applied to paper having an old and shabby appearance, such as the first issue of U.S. match stamps. *Papier Moire* is a paper having wavy, undulating lines on its surface, giving it watered-like *moire antique* silk. For example, see the stamps of the 1875 issue of Spain. *Ribbed paper* is a variety often met with in the study of the stamps of Canada. It varies greatly, and in many cases it is barely discernible, though existing. The *heavy-ribbed* paper is like the surface of ordinary silk, its surface being covered with little ribs or raised lines, with slight hollow between. *Soft-ribbed* differs but slightly from the heavy-ribbed, excepting that the ribs are not so prominently raised and present an *almost* even surface. *Rice paper*, or, as it is sometimes called, *silk gloss paper*, is made from rice straw, and presents a fine silky appearance, being soft and smooth to the touch; for example, see Japan 1871 issue. Many of the *proofs* of Canadian stamps are printed on *rice* paper. *Colored paper* is strictly what its name implies—refers to its color, not its *texture*. It may be found in wove, laid, batonne or any other variety of paper. The stamps of Panama, Antioquia (late issues), Nowanugger, and some of the early Mexican stamps, are found on colored paper. Stamps are generally printed in black when printed on colored paper; and catalogues in such cases give only the color of the paper, followed by a *p*. *Gold-beater's skin* is a peculiar paper, with a peculiar name. It resembles *bond-paper*, parchment or *onion-skin* paper. It is thin, transparent and very tough. *Manilla paper* is a coarse buff paper, made from Manilla grass, generally used by store-keepers, and publishers for wrappers. Its thickness varies greatly. *Straw paper* is made from the straw of any grain; for instance, see the Canadian wrappers of the current issue. *Verge paper* is laid paper, in which the water-marked lines run in an oblique direction; see, for example, the Canadian envelopes, or Holland envelopes of 1885. *Water-marked paper* has designs, lines or letters in the texture of the paper, produced by means of the impression of raised wire while the paper is in a pulpy state. The water-marks in paper appears lighter than the rest of the paper. *Mince paper* is very similar to *onion skin* or *gold-beaten* skin paper; see the 1862 issue of Turkey. *Native paper* is made by hand in half-civilized countries, the thickness of the paper varying in different parts of a sheet, and as a result the printing on it is usually indistinct; for example, see the stamp of Cashmere and Nowanugger. The foregoing varieties constitute the only important ones, and outside of these other varieties are seldom met with. The description given for the various varieties of paper have been necessarily brief, but with a little study will enable the collector to readily distinguish the *paper-varieties* of his stamps. In this the day of specialism, when the difference of the paper affects the price of stamps, every collector should study his stamps. You say, "I do not collect varieties of paper; what will the study benefit me?" It may not benefit your individual collection, but it *will* benefit your purse, for the collectors who are willing to pay high prices for their *paper* varieties are by no means few; and who knows but you may, in the course of the examination of the paper of your stamps, secure some great rarity. It is to the interest of every collector to give this branch of our science more than a casual glance, but rather a careful study. In my next paper I shall endeavor to give a few brief explanatory notes on the "Varieties of Perforation," another subject which many collectors know but little about.

MY REASON.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

I love you, old album. The reason?
Well, really, I hardly can say.
I love you as brooks love the meadows
Or blue-birds the beautiful May.
I love you as earth loves the sunshine,
Or mountain-tops love the white snow.
I love you because I am helpless,
And nature has planned my life so.

I like, when the lamps are all lighted,
To have you close here by my side,
To open your faded old covers,
Where comfort and pleasure abide;
To spread out your pages before me,
And see their warm colors again;
Their brightness will banish my sorrow
As sunlight dispels the cold rain.

And sometimes I think, as I watch you,
That you have a soul of your own;
Mayhap that you've changed into being
As life from the marble has grown;
Perhaps that you watch for my coming,
And pulsate with pleasure or pain,
As life opens brightly before me,
Or all of its struggles are vain.

You know all my troubles and heartaches,
And all of my errors and sin;
The world sees the outward appearance,
But you see the being within;
And yet you pass judgment in silence:
Old album! your system is best—
If a man would but heed your example
This world would be a haven of rest.

Oft times, when aweary with labor,
Your presence has brightened the gloom;
My burdens have silent departed
And left a strange peace in the room.
I love you for this, old companion,
As over your pages I bend:
Our friendship is fragrant and changeless,
And shall be right on to the end!

—*Post Office.*

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

E. A. HAPBURN, N. Y.—The unused Canadian Revenues you mention, are not redeemable by the Canadian Government. They have a marked value of about ½ on their face.

A. Y., CINCINNATI.—Your Saxony 3Pf. is a forgery; a genuine specimen brings from $20 to $25.

F. G.—The great rariety of the Canadian 12d. black is accounted for, by the fact that it was in use a very short time when it was withdrawn, and the 10d. stamp substituted in its place.

E. G. T. and several others.—Subscriptions *must* begin with current issue, as we cannot supply back numbers at subscription rates.

PHILATELIC ADVERTISING.

BY AN ADVERTISER.

IN the field of the Philately, the proverb which says, "Advertising pays" has just as much force as in the business world in general, but in Philatelic Advertising the same, if not more, care and attention is required to make it a success. There is one advantage in advertising that a general newspaper advertiser has over him who advertises stamps in a philatelic publication. In the first case, there is less competition; the advertiser has but few competitors in his own line, but with us poor stamp dealers things are somewhat different: we are obliged to advertise amongst dozens of others who advertise the same goods—perhaps at the same prices—but nevertheless some method must be adopted whereby to make our advertisements have a drawing power over purchasers, so that they may be singled out from the multitude, and last, but most important, prove advantageous to our pockets. How shall we do it? By judiciously advertising; but how few dealers there are who understand what it means to judiciously advertise. A young boy friend of mine who had a page adv. in several papers told me that he advertised judiciously; he should have said extensively. Now, a large adv. seldom or *never* pays. Do not decline to insert a small adv. in a paper, fearing it will not be seen. It will be seen, never fear! All you need to do is to make your adv. attractive to get it *answered*, and you can then circulate all the printed matter and lists you desire at a small cost. A small adv. carefully placed in a dozen papers is to be preferred to a page adv. in two or three. Advertise wisely rather than largely. Carefully select the papers you intend to advertise in; do not be guided by rates to any *great* extent. Select those magazines whose contents are such as will interest collectors, for papers whose reading matter is scarce or poor is generally thrown aside unread.—Take great pains in the preparation of the advertisement; make the display lines prominent, and, if possible, entirely unique; do not say too much, so as to crowd your space—it don't pay! Cuts of stamps, small illustrations, always make an adv. attractive, and invariably pay for themselves. A standing adv. always pays 50% better in proportion than one inserted occasionally. Some collectors will read an adv. and lay it by intending to answer it later, but forget it; while, if your adv. appears in the next issue, it will be again brought before him, and probably result in securing his trade. Care in the preparation of an adv. always pays; and when a collector sees a carelessly-written adv. he seldom pays any attention to it. Friend dealer! be a little more painstaking with your advertisements in future, and the result will not only pay you but it will serve to lighten up the advertising pages of our philatelic journals.

CREATING A STIR.

A great coming event is the publication of a wonderful almanac to be called the STAR Almanac, published by the Montreal STAR. It is said to be a marvellous work, four hundred pages, with colored maps.

The motto around the stamps of British Guiana, "*Damus Petimusque Vicissim*," translated, means, "We give and ask by turns."—*Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser.*

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

The smallest, simplest and best-protected post-office in the world is in the Straits of Magellan, and has been there for many years. It consists of a small painted keg or cask, and is chained to the rocks of the extreme cape in a manner so that it floats free, opposite Terra del Fuego. Each passing ship sends a boat to take letters out and put others in. This curious post-office is unprovided with a postmaster, and is therefore under the protection of all the navies of the world. Never in the history of this unique "office" has its privilege been abused.

An old almanac for 1814 gives the following as the rates of postage prevailing at that time: "For every single letter by land, for 40 miles, 8 cents; 90 miles, 10 cents; 150 miles, 12½ cents; 300 miles, 17 cents; 500 miles, 20 cents; and for more than 500 miles, 25 cents. No allowance to be made for intermediate miles. Every double letter is to pay double the said rates; every triple letter, triple; every packet weighing one ounce, at the rate of four single letters each ounce. Every ship letter originally received at an office for delivery, 6 cents. Magazines and pamphlets, not over 50 miles, one cent per sheet; over 50 miles and not exceeding 100 miles, 1½ cents per sheet; over 100 miles, 2 cents per sheet."

For the year ending June 30, 1891, the ordinary postal revenue of the United States, exclusive of money-order business, was more than $65,000,000. Something like $41,500,000 of this came from letter postage, the majority of which came from the sale of the two-cent stamps. It is estimated that the whole number of this stamp used exceeds two billions yearly.—*Boston Daily Globe.*

Washington, Sept. 29.—About the 15th of next month the new return postal card will be placed on sale at all post-offices. The two designs, one for the domestic and the other for the international postal union service, have been approved by Postmaster-General Wanamaker, and the work of printing and distributing the cards will be pushed with vigor. The half of the double card containing the message to which a reply is desired is 3½ inches wide by 5½ inches long. At the top of the card, and a little to the left of the centre, are engraved, in three lines, one above the other, the words "Postal card with paid reply;" "U. S. of America," and in smaller type, "This side is for address only." In the right-hand upper corner is a vignette of General Grant, encircled by a frame bearing at the top the words, "message card," and at the bottom, "one cent. At the lower left-hand corner are the words, "detach annexed card for answer." The international card is somewhat smaller than that for domestic use. In the border at the top of the card appear the words "postal card with paid reply," and their French translation, "carte postale avec reponse payee." A Liberty head occupies the right-hand upper corner with the legend, "two cents." In all other essential particulars the domestic and the international cards are very similar.—*Boston Daily Globe.*

Society Items.

[We desire the Secretaries of all Societies to send us *brief* reports of their meetings each month, and such will be published free, and we trust that Societies will not be slow in taking advantage of this privilege.]

The report of the secretary of the Canadian Philatelic Association for September shows a membership of 83, with no applications. It is to the credit of the C.P.A. that it promptly drops members for the non-payment of dues, which we regret to say the Philatelic Society of Canada has as yet failed to do.

The Stamp, of New York, has been appointed official organ of the Philatelic Society of Canada. The only report that appears in the October issue of that journal is the president's *address*. The motto of this bright little journal, *The Stamp*, is, "Fearless and Independent." Can the official organ of a large society be as independent as it would be otherwise? We think not.

The day is not far distant when the *Sons of Philately* will become the largest Philatelic Association on the North American continent, should they continue to increase as rapidly as they have done in the past. We are informed that they have now close on five hundred members.

The annual meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society will be held the second Wednesday in December, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

A scheme is talked of to establish a paper for the P. S. of C., controlled by the society or executive, to act as official organ, next year. The society will not give any concern a bulk sum for the *privilege* of acting as official organ. If a subscription is paid for each paid-up member, that is quite sufficient: so says "Canadensis" in a recent issue of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*.

The dinner given in commemoration of the 18th anniversary of the organization of the National Philatelic Society, New York, took place at the Post Keller restaurant, corner Broadway and Barkley st., on the 17th inst.

San Francisco has four Philatelic Societies: Western Philatelic Union (branch); Philatelic Society of San Francisco; American Philatelic Association (branch); and San Francisco Philatelic Club.

STRAY HUMOR.

Sharp.—Do you see that broken-down cottage on yonder corner? It is a negative proof of the proverb that "Advertising pays."

Flat.—An unsuccessful merchant?

Sharp.—No, the publisher of a philatelic paper!

"If Columbus did not stamp his impress on his own age, he will on the present, with the assistance of Postmaster-General Wannamaker.—*Lowell Courier.*

KNOCKED OUT.

Enterprising Druggist.—Here's a card, madam. Each time you buy something I'll punch it. When $2 are punched, you get five soda-water tickets free.

Madam.—That's a fine idea. I'll take $2 worth of postage stamps now.—*Judge.*

PERSONALS.

Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, of Belleville, Ont. is a mail clerk on the Grand Trunk Railway, between Peterborough and Belleville.

Mr. Ed. Y. Parker, of Toronto, devotes his entire time to stamp dealing at 57 Herron Street.

Mr. Geo. A. Lowe, a prominent collector of Toronto, is the principal of *Lowe's Commercial Academy*, one of the leading commercial institutions of Western Ontario.

Mr. J. Houseman, one of Aylmer's prominent collectors, is connected with the Molsons Bank of that place.

Mr. R. R. Bogert, of the Bogert & Durbin Co., sailed for Europe on September 3rd. A number of New York collectors went to the dock to see him off.

Atwell Fleming, one of London's advanced collectors, is business manager of the Advertiser Printing and Publishing Co.

Alvah Davidson, *Editor* of the *Post Office*, is a commercial traveller, in connection with a large New York firm.

J. Ades Fowler, one of the early P. S. of C. members, is a prominent architect of Woodstock, Ont.

We are informed of the death of James Sterling Hujerman, a young collector of Detroit, Mich.

We see by the *Detroit Philatelist* that Mr. Jos. Ineson, a collector of Carleton West, Ontario, has married a London girl, and will, henceforth, reside in the Forest City.

Mr. O. W. Briggs, a well-known collector of Paw Paw, is the editor and publisher of the *Lee County Times*, a progressive county paper.

Mr. E. L. Devereaux, a collector, of Marquette, Mich., has removed to Detroit.

Mr. H. S. Dickson, secretary-treasurer of the *Philatelic Journal of Canada*, of this city, is employed by the London Tool Co., of this city.

Mr. Frank Herring, a prominent London collector, is engaged as traveller with Hyslop, Caulfeild & Co, a Toronto wholesale dry goods house.

Mr. J. D. Bartlett, President of the Sons of Philately, is on a tour of the U.S. for his health.

Mr. H. J. Wright, of Toronto, is a partner in a leading law firm of that city.

Mr. H. P. Bock. one of the advanced collectors of London, is manager of Kordes' Book Bindery. His collection is one of the best in the city.

IT IS REPORTED

☞ That *The Yankee Philatelist* will appear from 17 Hancock Street, Boston, Mass., on November 1st or thereabouts.

☞ Also, that the *National Philatelist* will appear on the 15th of November, to be published by W. F. Dessotell, of 63 Bagg Street, Detroit, Mich.

☞ That the U. S. Post Office Department has under consideration the advisability of issuing a special post card for the World's Columbian Exhibition. It has, as is generally known, decided to issue a special set of stamps.

☞ That the membership of the Post Card Society of America is already over 50, and that a number of applications are on hand. Success is assuredly attending it.

☞ That some Montreal collectors are endeavoring to establish a Philatelic publication, but are having some difficulty in finding a suitable dealer to take charge.

☞ By *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* that there is a probability of the stamps of Newfoundland becoming obsolete, as the Colony is likely to be federated with the Dominion. Notwithstanding the above report, it is our opinion that the federation day is a long way off. It is quite evident that Bro. Mekeel does not understand Newfoundland politics. In Newfoundland not one person in ten favors federation.

☞ That in every sheet of the current 5c. stamps of Antioquia, one of the stamps is the 2½c. error.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

It is said if the postage of the English Government was paid for it would net the post-office department an additional income of £100,000.

During the siege of Paris, 150,000 official despatches were carried into the city by means of the pigeon post.

A new philatelic magazine will appear from Rochester, Ind., shortly, to be called *The Spy*, and devoted to the exposure of philatelic frauds. Guy W. Green is at last to have a would-be rival.

Al. Daggett has received the contract for the printing of the new U.S. reply post-card. A trial lot of 12,000,000 has been ordered.

The 2c., 3c. and 4c. blacks and 5 franks red-brown unpaid letter stamps of France have been withdrawn from circulation.

After considerable difficulty, Mr. C. D. Reimers has secured *second-class rates* for the *Western Philatelist*. We extend our congratulations.

The natives of Uruguay are very angry that their new stamps have been manufactured out of the country. From the *Montevidio Times* we gather that a large supply of postal cards, etc., recently arrived in that city by the Clyde steamer, and that this has given rise to complaint by the native papers. —*Stamp News*.

FROM OVER THE BORDER.

The Government here have doomed coin cuts as well as those of stamps. As it stands now, it is impossible for a stamp or coin dealer to illustrate his catalogues with cuts of *United States* stamps or coins.

The Post-office Department is evidently bent on forcing the death of every philatelic journal. The *Malden Philatelist* has been refused second-class rates, and has discontinued publication.

Illinois State philatelists are talking of organizing a State Association—a good idea, if carried out. The Illinois collectors should be able to organize a society equally as good as their Iowa brethren,—and see the success they have had.

Many of our philatelic journals are announcing their intention to issue large Christmas numbers ranging in size from 32 to 100 pages. If they carry out their promises, we shall have abundance of philatelic literature to engage our attention during the Christmas holidays.

U.S. medicine stamps, in which the color of the paper has been chemically changed, unperforated U.S. revenues, with clipped perforations, are being offered by parties in Greene, N.Y. Use caution in your purchases of these stamps.

We are not having as much trouble in the matter of duty as heretofore. Of course, many parcels are stopped, but they are nearly always released in the end.

Mr. J. D. Rice. of Trenton, N.J., had a large number of rare duplicates, and the best part of his U.S. collection, to the value of about $800, stolen from his place of business, during his absence at the A.P.A. convention. The stolen stamps were nearly all rare U.S.

We now have a *Review*, conducted by *The Philatelic Era*, which is a prominent feature, being like the *Review of Reviews*, conducted by the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.*

I clip the following from the *Eastern Philatelist*, where it appeared under the heading, "WHY PREVARICATE": "Why should not stamp collectors in particular tell the *truth?* Rather strong language, I admit, but there is hardly a more contemptible person in all creation than a l—r. I have some acquaintance with a party who has a good-sized collection. Upon my query as to whether he would sell it or not, he replied that there was a standing offer of $125 upon it—about three times what I could offer—and yet within a week he allowed me to select anything I chose, taking $20 worth for a $10 note." Why should *deep disgrace* be laid at the doors of *all* stamp collectors for the sin of one or two? Yet such is done by the writer of the above clipping.

Referring to holiday numbers, the *Eastern Philatelist* will issue a 40-page number in December, with a circulation of 5000 copies. Roy F. Green says he will issue a 50-page Christmas edition of the *Eagle Philatelist.* Two welcome treats.

The *Philatelic Lasso* is a new magazine announced from Fremont, Neb., by Edward C. Biggar. With its unique name, and such a well-known collector as Mr. Biggar a spublisher, it should be a decided success.

Mr. Weatherston, of 13 Peter street, Toronto, Canada, writes me that he will issue the *International Philatelist* promptly on October the 25th inst.

A novelty in philatelic literature—a philatelic magazine printed on the back of a postal card. Published bi-monthly from Reading, Pa., by C. W. Kissenger.

(Special Dispatch.)

THE NEW U.S. REPLY CARD.

Oct. 28.—We received the new United States Reply Card this morning just as were going to press. It was placed on sale at the Boston post-office on the afternoon of October 27, and immediately forwarded us by Mr. E. O. Evans. The wording of both parts of the cards differ; we describe each separately.—*Front card for message:* Card surrounded by a neat ornamental border; in lower left-hand quarter are the words, "Detach annexed card for answer;" in upper left-hand corner is the stamp, profile of Gen. Grant facing left, surrounded by two ovals, in which is encircled, "Message card" above, "One cent" below; at each side within the oval two small stars, enclosed in a circle. To the left of the cut, in three lines, the words, "Postal card, with paid reply," "United States of America," "This side for address only." The *Reply Card* is the same but for different wording. The stamp is the same, but it reads, "Reply Card" instead of "Message Card" above. In the inscription to the left of the card, the words "Reply Postal Card" are substituted for "Postal Card with paid reply." The card is a creditable one, printed in black, on cream card. In size, it is between the current U.S. cards. Space prevents further description.

WRITER'S PRIZE COMPETITION.

CONDITIONS:

1. All manuscript must be written on one side of the paper only; and must be accompanied by the *full* name and address of the sender.
2. The competition closes December the 31st, 1892. Results of the competition will be made known in our January issue, and awards forwarded winners immediately on the close of the competition.
3. Articles must be addressed to Editor CANADIAN PHILATELIST, 185½ Dundas Street, London, Canada, and must be marked "Writer's Prize Competition."
4. Every competitor must be a ***paid-up subscriber*** to the CANADIAN PHILATELIST.
5. In the awarding of the prizes, the originality of the subject will count much toward the awarding of the prizes.
6. All articles sent become the property of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST, with the right to publish the same if so desired.

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EDITORIAL.

The Editor's Difficulties. To strive to perfect one's own ideal and at the same time to satisfy the tastes of a few thousand different readers, is no easy matter; yet such is the position in which the editor finds himself. He endeavors to satisfy the varied class of readers,—and oftentimes fails. He desires to work the magazine to a state of perfection, but mistakes are liable to occur, good points omitted, bad ones retained. In what has he succeeded and in what failed?

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Suggestions from Subscribers. But while the editor is thus endeavoring to make the magazine one that will be appreciated by all, he must ask help from his readers. "To see ourselves as others see us" is the desire of the editor. Read this journal through from beginning to end, and tell us what you like about it and what you dislike, and what you would like to see in it; in fact, every good and every bad point to be pointed out to us that we may remedy them.

What the Result will be. With the aid of our readers, their suggestion, their opinion and their interest, the editor will strive to push the paper forward to the front rank of Philatelic periodicals. Are you talented with the use of your pen? if so, let us hear from you; send some little production to assist in raising the standard of the magazine.

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Writers' Prize Competition. On another page will be found the announcement of our "Writers' Prize Competition," which we feel will be appreciated by our readers one and all—by those who can write, because it will give them a chance to display their talents; by those who have not the gift of literary attainment, because it will make the reading matter more interesting for them. We wish all our readers who have the ability to enter into this competition. The awarding of the prizes will be made by strictly disinterested parties, and the results made known in our January number. Articles will be acknowledged through these columns as received. One of the points by which the prizes will be awarded will be the originality of subject and thought. Articles must be plainly written on one side of the paper only. Let us hear from you.

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Are you a Subscriber? If not, we would urge upon you the advantage of at once having your name placed on our books. Every subscriber who places his subscription in our hands has the assurance of 12 numbers, or his money refunded. Gradual and steady increase in both size and quality is our aim. To make the magazine attain a high standard of excellence is our determination. We have, and shall make every effort to secure the best and most interesting reading matter that can be procured. It will be to your interest to subscribe.

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Our Christmas Number. Watch for it. It will excel anything in the line of a Philatelic magazine ever issued in Canada. In size it will comprise from 40 to 50 pages. As to the general excellence of the matter, we shall leave that to the judgment of our patrons. The paper will be mailed on the 20th, so as to reach subscribers by Christmas morning.

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The Fall Crops. We do not refer to crops of grain or produce, which is generally profitable to its harvester, but rather evidently to be well supplied with philatelic literature during the coming season. A contemporary announces the *Ottawa Philatelist* as having appeared, but thus far its publisher, Mr. L. Chevrier, a member of the Philatelic Society of Canada, has failed to favor us with a copy. We trust to hear more in regard to it next month.

An Agreeable Surprise. While speaking of new Canadian journals, we must needs mention one hailing from our own city, which is of unusual merit for the first issue of a new magazine. We refer to the *Philatelic Journal of Canada*, established by Messrs. Dickson & Bernstein, two enterprising young London dealers, who, to all appearances, will make this magazine a glowing success. The contents throughout are well written and show careful preparation. Canada now has three philatelic magazines which occupy places in the front rank of those on the American continent. The publishers of the *Philatelic Journal of Canada* claim it to be the best journal of the kind in Canada,—on which point we modestly disagree!

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Canada's Stamp Centre. London is booming up as *one* of the leading stamp centres on the American continent, and it already is the leading stamp centre of Canada, supporting at present two first-class magazines, with a third to appear on January 1st. It is a philatelic stronghold.

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Some Further Remarks. It is also probable that as the new year is ushered in, with it will come a new weekly stamp paper. Many new magazines are announced to appear from the United States, and we may expect a deluge of "aspirants" ere our next issue. We have already received several of these, but have not room to review them here. Although some of these little upstart papers prove a great or complete loss to their publishers, it only serves to show the keen interest manifested in the science of philately.

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The Paris Exhibition. In our last issue we mentioned that we expected to have the report of the Paris Philatelic Exhibition for this issue. Unfortunately it did not arrive until just as we are going to press, and had not the necessary space to insert it. It is very interesting, and we regret greatly that we could not insert it. Watch for it next month.

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Bradt's Eighth Sale Was held the day following that of the Bogert Company, October 19th, 1892, at 7.30 p.m., at their office, 132 Wabash ave., Chicago. The majority of the stamps were of the *scarce* class, no exceptional rarities being offered. The S. B. Bradt Co. are making a great success of their series of auction sales. They now announce their intention of holding three sales of more than usual importance during the World's Fair. These three sales will likely take place in June, August and September, 1893.

Current Topics. One of these which excites interest is the World's Fair Philatelic Exhibit. We are informed that the Commissioners are experiencing some difficulty in securing the desired space. It is said that in addition to the regular philatelic exhibit, each Government will probably show a complete set of stamps of each of their respective countries.—Some parties, apparently not well-wishers of the Association, circulated a report that as an incorporated association the members became individually responsible for its debts. Replying to this report, Secretary Walton says it is entirely false. As an incorporated association, the members are not responsible. But were the A.P.A. not an incorporated body, as was the case some time ago, *then* the members would be liable for its debts. Another advantage in incorporation!—It is said Canada will have a new post-card *very* shortly, to be of a larger size than the current issue. Whether it is to be of a new design or not, we have not heard.

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The I.P.A. Convention. Although the report of this gathering should have reached us in time for our last issue, it failed to do so, and this month, not having space for the whole report of the Iowa Philatelic Association Convention, we give a few points which may interest our readers. Muscatine was the place selected for the next convention. A resolution was passed requiring all officers to be over 21 years of age. Term of office to be one year. The following resolution was passed: "Whereas, the Iowa Philatelic Association, in convention at Des Moines, August 30th and 31st, 1892, recognizing the value of amalgamation of all national societies, as promulgated by Alvah Davison and P. M. Wolsieffer, to the cause of philately, be it resolved, That we heartily endorse any action leading to its fulfilment. Furthermore, be it resolved, That every member of the Iowa Philatelic Association should become a member of the American Philatelic Association." A motion was introduced to exclude all collectors under 16 from membership.—Lost. The attendance was somewhat small, only 13 members being present. The convention was very orderly from beginning to end. Mr. Cornell, of Marshaltown, brought his kodak along and took a "snap shot" at the members, having a "Northwestern" car for the background. The above items constitute the more interesting part of the report.

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Our Retail List We would call the attention of our customers to the fact that our Third Annual Retail List has just been issued, and it is larger, cheaper and better than ever before. Every collector and dealer should possess a copy. To those who have not yet received it, we shall be pleased to forward it, *post free* on application.

Where the Fault Lies. When newspapers and letters go astray in the mail, the Post Office authorities generally have the blame laid at their door, and the aggrieved public scarcely ever think of looking beyond the service for cause of complaint. The inspection of complaints generally places the cause on the sender's shoulders. The *Empire's* correspondent at Ottawa complained to the Deputy Postmaster-General of this, and was at once shown a bundle of 200 addressed newspapers, the accumulation of two days' mail at the Ottawa city post-office, and not one of the whole lot bore an address whereby its destination could be determined. "This," remarked Col. White, "shows the immense number of papers that go astray in the course of a year, and with whom the fault lies. A little more care in the addressing and mailing, and such losses would never occur.

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Postal Cards. A new branch of our science which is rapidly increasing is postal card collecting. The demand is becoming greater each month. Postal cards form an interesting and beautiful collection, and we are glad to see them springing into general favor.

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Auction Sales. As a standard for effecting the value of rare stamps, auction sales are springing into favor as the only reliable epitome of prices. The price brought by a stamp at auction sale shows its real worth. Realizing the value of auction sales and announcements, we have decided to devote a portion of our space each issue to brief auction reports.

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Canada Error Card. A number of our correspondents have have sent us inquiries regarding this card. Some collectors are under the impression that the 1x1 cent reply card, with stamp at left, is due to a mistake in the cutting of the sheets. It has been proved that the card is not the result of a wrong cutting. Inquiry at the Post-office Department has shown that it is a government error *in the printing*, and the authorities acknowledge that a small quantity of the cards were issued before the mistake was discovered. The letter under heading of the Post-office Department removes all doubt as to the character and origin of the "Canada Error Card." It is considered a rarity.

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Albrecht's Fifth Sale. Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co. held their fifth sale at 25 Ann street, New York, on October 5th, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Henry Merry conducted the sale. It was especially rich in the U.S. and British North American, including several fine wholesale lots. The sale consisted of 450 lots.

Re Oddities. A craze seems to be taking hold of some of our collectors—the collection of the so-called Oddities. An envelope or a postal, with a double impression, a crooked impression, or a colorless impression, seems to be considered a *treasure*, and is greedily secured and kept. This is a danger which at present threatens our pursuit. Collectors! drop these unofficial varieties, which are in the strictest sense not stamps. Such collecting is a mere waste of time and money. Confine yourself strictly to the officially-issued varieties of stamps. You know only too well there are enough varieties—and to spare. This sort of thing has and will be the means of losing the support of many of our collecting fraternity.

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Our Personal Column. This department was inaugurated last month, and is evidently appreciated by our readers. We wish it to be a glowing success, and at all times will be pleased to have our subscribers and patrons send us *short* personal items about themselves for publication, and in this way aid us in making this department an interesting feature. Let us hear from you.

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Bogert-Durbins' 35th Sale. The Bogert and Durbin Co. held their thirty-fifth sale at the Knickerbocker Conservatory, New York, on Thursday evening, October 13th, at 2.30 o'clock. Four hundred and twenty-two lots were offered, being the collection of Dr. P. G. Skillern, of Philadelphia. It was especially rich in the obsolete issues of the Leeward Islands and other British Colonials. Among the stamps specially worthy of mention we note the following: Virgin Islands, 1s., *no border;* St. Lucia, 1s. surcharged; St. Vincent, 2½d. on 4d., 1s. brown; Nevis, 1s. on *laid* paper, *very* rare; 4d. rose; Montserrat, 4d. blue, *C. A.*; Labuan, $1 on 16c.; United States, '69, 90c.; Justice, 90c.; Canada ½d. and 6d. perforated; New Brunswick, 6d.; Newfoundland, 2d., 4d. and 8d., vermilion, unused, etc. We do not as yet know what prices were realized, but expect to have this information in time for our next issue.

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Various Matters. The Exchange Department is ready for everybody, and the rates very low compared with our regular adv. rates.—Collectors and dealers would confer a favor on the publishers by forwarding us the names of all their stamp collecting friends.—Our Approval Sheet Department is in active operation—see advertisement!—Cash must be sent with copy by advertisers unknown to us.—Subscriptions must begin with current issue; back numbers are very scarce and can only be supplied at 10 cts. each; no discount.

The Forgers. A noticeable decrease is seen in the forgeries that six months ago threatened to swamp the market and cause great loss to young collectors. Although not altogether extinguished, the credit for what has been done in that way must go to the Philatelic Protection Association, whose services in this matter have proved so beneficial to philately.

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The S. of P. Kickers. A few Sons of Philately members seem to have a spite against each other. The kickers seem to be three or four boys who are giving vent to their spite after their failure to secure office. We even find editors (?) and publishers (?) who thus lower themselves. These members are now calling their fellow-members *traitors* because the way they voted did not suit the *kickers*. We need not give the names of these boys, as our readers doubtlessly know them.

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A Liberal Premium Offer. We are very anxious to add another thousand subscribers to our subscription list before the close of the present year. In order to do this, we offer the following inducement to all who subscribe before December 31st next: To any person who forwards us 25 cents for one year's subscription to this magazine, with 3 cents extra for postage and mailing, we will send any one of the following Premiums ABSOLUTELY FREE: 1000 of the best gummed hinges; 100 varieties of foreign stamps; 25 blank approval sheets; or 100 U.S. revenue stamps. It is to your interest to take advantage of this liberal premium offer. This paper alone is worth the price. The premiums are forwarded only when the extra postage is sent. Favor us with your subscription. Present subscribers wishing to take advantage of this offer may do so, having their subscription extended one year.

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Toronto Philatelic Club. We have been notified that the following officers for the coming season have been elected: President, W. H. Brouse; Vice-President, Harton Walker; Executive Committee, Messrs. Sparks, Parker, Sproule, Geddes, McMahon, Wright and Wilson; Secretary-Treasurer, Geo. A. Lowe; Exchange and Auction Department, E. Y. Parker.

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An Inducement to Purchasers. The publishers of this magazine offer to every collector, who is not already a subscriber to this paper, purchasing goods to the amount of $1.00 or over from their price lists herein, this paper for *six months* FREE. This inducement remains open from October 25th to December 31st, and only open to non-subscribers.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

TERMS—One-half cent per word each insertion, payable in advance. No exchange notice will be received for less than 15 cents. No display allowed.

WE desire at once a few Canada 8 cent blue registers. Will pay 50 cents each cash, or give $1.25 each exchange from our sheets. If you have any let us hear from you. All kinds of good Canadians wanted for prompt cash. Ontario Stamp and Publishing Co., Box 441, London, Ontario, Canada. (C. W. Milligan, Manager.) (O.K., 15.)

100 var. stamps, including Brazil, Hawaii, Hayti, etc., only 75c. Stamps on approval. Agents wanted. Monroe Stamp Co., Rochester, N. Y. (O.K., 14.)

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THE INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

ANOTHER pleasant and interesting event has begun, ended, and become a cherished recollection. When we do anything here in France we do it well, and L'Exposition Internationale de Timbre Poste proved no exception; but as it is usual dissenters are found, who being themselves dissatisfied for some reason, wish to make others feel likewise, and from a collector's view of the matter, with one or two possible exceptions, I consider the exhibition a success. An objection—not from a Philatelic, but rather from a human standpoint—that the exibition was too far from the centre of the city to be convenient. This objection comes mainly from the inhabitants, of what Max. O'Rell calls "John Bull's Island—are we to consider our Anglo-Saxon brethren lazy? It seems so. It is true the Exhibition was not very central, but it being the best that the committee could obtain we had to put up with this slight inconvenience. The Exhibition was held in the Palace of Liberal Arts, on the Champs de Mars. When we were once in the Exhibition we were loth to leave it, for where stamp collectors meet there is more gossip than is made by any dozen old women you ever heard of; this with the "sights" made the time pass only too quickly. The capital represented by the exhibits was enormous. In the exhibits of the dealers, our English brethren—to use the regular expression—"took the cake." I can scarcely judge betwixt their merits. An interesting exhibit was that of Messrs. Bright & Sons, which was in charge of genial Harry Hilkes. The varieties shown by this firm were of the "first water," their widely advertised block of Saxony errors being among the number. I also noticed among their exhibit several frames of the English plate numbers, and a couple of fine entire sheets of the Mulready envelopes. Near by the stall of Wm. Brown, of Salisbury, attracts attention, being very handsomely furnished. Mr. Brown's stock seemed an exception to the general exhibits of other dealers who exhibited their specialties, while Mr. Brown's stock comprised a little of everything. Another noticable English exhibit was that of the well-known firm, Messrs. Theo. Buhl & Co., of London. The exhibit of this firm is to be found in every part of the building, and at every turn some small exhibit of this firm was visible. Their main exhibit being prominent for their magnificent display of rarities. The arrangement of this firm's goods is superb. Then the largest firm in the world, Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Co., Limited, of London, have an exhibit which is, undoubtedly, the finest in the whole exhibition. The collection of Western Australian stamps, which they show, is the finest I ever had the pleasure of inspecting, and it is considered the finest stock of these interesting stamps in existence. Their exhibit of philatelic publications is *par excellence*. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons are the only dealers who do not sell goods at their exhibit, it being shown for exhibition purposes only. The enterprising Australian firm, Messrs. T. H. Thompson & Co., of Bishop, Auckland, New Zealand: This firm are well known here through their purchase of the Leeward Island remainders. They did not bring their whole stock of these stamps with them, but, nevertheless, a large assortment was shown. This firm seemed to be doing a brisk business in these stamps during the whole exhibition. The above comprise the larger dealers who exhibited, but the following also occupied smaller stalls in a more remote part of the building: Mr. T. H. Hinton, of Chelsea; Messrs. Stafford Smith & Co., Brighton, etc. This latter firm made a very noticeable and attractive exhibit with their "Permanent Album". Mr. H. Hilkes showed me the advance sheets of his works on "Reprints," and of course, as a result of the temptation, he "booked" my order as well as those of my colleagues; the work is indeed a valuable and complete handbook on reprinted stamps, one that every collector should possess. Turning to the exhibits of the collectors, here we find what may be termed the most interesting portion of the whole exhibition. I have seen some very choice collections of Swiss stamps but never did I see such an excellent one as was exhibited by Mr. Hauser, of Lucerene. The general completeness of the collection may be judged from the following list of some of the stamps I noticed therein: 21 specimens of the 4 r. and 41 specimens of the 6 r., Zürich, Geneva. He shows 22 of the 10 c. in pairs; 13 of the *provisional* ½ of 10 c.; a block of 10 of 5c., first type, unused; a block of 14 5 c., second type, unused; 8 of the rare 4c. Vaud are shown; of the other local issues they are there in immense quantities. Many of the plates are complete. A block of 15 City Post are among the gems shown in this most remarkable collection of Swiss stamps. One of our leading Parisian collectors, Dr. Legrand, showed a portion of his large collection, among which were the Mauritius 1d. and 2d. "Post Office"; Reunion 1st issue, complete; Sandwich Islands, several copies of the rare 13c., 1st issue; Bokhara, complete set; Zürich, about 20 specimens of the 4r. and 6r.; Roumania, 1st issue, set of 4; Mauritius, 2 entire, 1sh. envelopes with different tresses, besides the above mentioned stamps are dozens of others of equal values. Mr. J.B. Mœns, of Brussels, exhibited a full set of the many philatelic works published by him; Mr. Le Roy d' Etrolles shows an almost complete collection of the surcharged French Colonial stamps, including many of the rarer varieties; Mr. M. Mahé showed a beautiful complete set of the French essays; Mr. Walter Morley showed a very complete set of English stamps; M. Kuck showed a complete collection of the stamps of Luxemburg; M. Greau showed some entire sheets of essays; Messrs. Theo. Buhl & Co. showed some very fine made-up plates of the early issues of the Australian Colonies and Mauritius; also a used New Brunswick "Connel"; Suez, complete set *used*; most of the rare local stamps of Mexico, and a fine specimen each of

the 5 and 13 cent, first issue of Sandwich Islands. These, with many others, comprise one of the finest collections of rarities exhibited ; Mr. M. Dapino, of Milan, shows a magnificent lot of the old Italian States ; Mr. Wm. Brown shows an almost complete collection of the Straits Settlement surcharges ; in the exhibit of Mr. Schaupmeyer is shown a circular British Guiana of the 1st issue and a Lady McLeod, both on the original letters. The collection of the stamps of Luxemburg, shown by M. Raüsch, consists of over 400 varieties

Among the other collectors whose exhibits were very fine but whose stamps I have not space to discribe are : M. Mackenzie, M. Schoeller, M. Parisot, M. Moois, M. Taylor, M. Vervelle, M. Hellé, etc.

Some Government exhibits were shown. Holland shows a complete set of her stamps, both postage, revenue and telegraph, post cards and envelopes ; France has an exhibit but by no means complete ; Bolivia, Portugal and Colonies, Siberia and San Marino, ; all exhibit complete sets of their stamps. The three leading French Societies, promoters of the Exhibition, also had some very fine exhibits. Before closing my letter I would mention another department of the exhibition which will probably interest your readers. M. Tissier shows an excellent portrait of President Carnot, which is made entirely of French stamps. This gentleman evidently has abundance of time, to judge by the looks of his exhibit. Madame Louis Vroomans-Leclerq, of Nimégue, Holland, shows some philatelic plates, ordinary plates being taken, stamps artistically pasted thereon and varnished over giving them the appearance of Japanese ware. I enclose you a list of the results of the distribution of the awards, which I hope you will have room to publish. Our Exhibition has proved a financial and a social success, for which we have to thank the promoters and exhibitors who devoted so much of their energy to make it an event long to be remembered in the history of Philately. —M. DUPIONTEZ.

REPORT OF THE JURY OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

Translated from "L' Union Postale Universelle," Oct., 1892.

Report of the proceedings of the Jury and of the results of those proceedings, presented by M. Dorsan Astruc to the Committee of the Exhibition.

The Jury was composed as follows :

President—Dr. Legrand.
Secretary—Dorsan Astruc.

Members

M. P. Castle.	M. Giwelb,
Emile Diéna.	Pierre Mahé.
Erard Le Roy d'Etiolles.	E. Vervelle.

In consequence of the small number of exhibits in certain classes, the Jury have modified the nature of the prizes allotted to those classes ; in other classes they have added some " Honorable Mentions."

Classes 3, 7, 12 and 13, in which there were no competitors, have been struck out. A class numbered 17 has been added.

Class 15 (a collection of forgeries, interesting from the difficulty of distinguishing them from the genuine, and of books or notes, printed or MS., relating to this question) was only represented by one exhibit, that of M. Goegg. For reasons which it would take too long to enumerate, the Jury unanimously disapproved of the exhibit of M. Goegg, and cancelled the class in question.

Under the provisions of article 20 of the *General Regulations*, the Jury, with the unanimous consent of the Committee, have awarded to Dr. Legrand a Special Grand Prize, on account of the extraordinary beauty of his exhibit (which, had he not been one of the Jury, would certainly have obtained one of the highest prizes), and in recognition of the numerous works, in all branches of philately, published by him since 1864. This Prize to be designated :—"Grande Medaille d'Honneur de l'Exposition." The Jury desire further to express their thanks to Dr. Legrand for the great assistance rendered them by him.

The results of the competition in the various classes are as follow :—

SPECIAL GRAND PRIZE OF THE EXHIBITION (GOLD MEDAL).
Awarded to Dr. Legrand.

FIRST GRAND PRIZE OF THE EXHIBITION (GOLD MEDAL).
Awarded to M. J. B. Moens.

This prize (allotted to class 8, under Article 6 of the General Regulations) takes the place of two First Silver-Gilt Medals, awarded to M. Moens in the 2nd section of that class.

SECOND GRAND PRIZE OF THE EXHIBITION (GOLD MEDAL).
Awarded to Stanley Gibbons, Limited.

This prize, in accordance with Article 6 alluded to above, is awarded to this firm in place of the following prizes gained by them :—

Class 1.	Second Silver-Gilt Medal.
" 2.	" " "
" 8 (Sec. 2).	First Silver Medal
" 9.	First Bronze "

CLASS 1.

For the greatest number of rare stamps.

Silver-Gilt Medal .	Emile Mors.
1st Silver " .	Th. Buhl & Co.
2nd " " .	Piet-Lataudrie.
1st Bronze " .	Jules Bernichon.
2nd " " .	Victor Robert.
1st Hon. Mention .	M. Langlois.
2nd " " .	Ch. Schaupmeier.

CLASS 2.

For the most complete collection of the stamps of all kinds of any one country.

1st Silver-Gilt Medal	D. Hauser (Switzerland).
2nd " " .	L. Blanchard (Switzerland).
1st Silver Medal .	D. Mackenzie (Nevis).
2nd " " .	J. Kuck (Luxemburg).
1st Bronze " .	A. Rustant (Philippines).
2nd " " .	— Petritz (Saxony).
3rd " " .	E. Rausch (Luxemburg).
1st Hon. Mention .	W. Brown (Straits Settle'mts.)
2nd " " .	A. Tcharkian (Turkey).
3rd " " .	A. O. Marquez (Macao).

CLASS 4.

For the finest collection of entire Envelopes, Wrappers, Post Cards, and Letter Cards ; not less than 1500 var.

Silver-Gilt Medal .	A. Schoeller.
Bronze " .	—Schwab.
Hon. Mention .	— Huet.

M. Schoeller found it impossible to exhibit the whole of his collection, and therefore only showed part of it. The Jury, in awarding him the Silver-Gilt Medal, have taken into consideration the first part of his book upon Post Cards, also the periodical, *La Carte Postale*, published monthly by him.

CLASS 5.

For the finest collection of Fiscal Stamps; not less than 5000 varieties.

Silver Medal . W. Morley.
Hon. Mention . E. Roussillon.

CLASS 6.

For a selection of 250 to 500 good stamps of any kinds, exhibited under glass, and conspicuous for the beauty of the specimens, their rarity, and their fine condition.

Silver Medal . G. P. Grignard.
1st Hon. Mention . J. Devoitine.
2nd " . — Levillain.

CLASS 8.

SECTION 1.—*For the most useful work, or collection of works, on the study of stamps—Catalogues, Monographs, &c.*

Silver-Gilt Medal . Major E. B. Evans.
1st Silver " . Société Francaise de Timbrelogie.
1st Bronze " . C. Blondoit.
2nd " " . Senf, of Leipzig.
3rd " " . Society of Santiago.
1st Hon. Mention . E. Planus.
2nd " " . M. Belin.

SECTION 2.—*Periodicals.*

Silver-Gilt Medal . "Philatelic Record" (Th. Buhl & Co.).
1st Bronze " . "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" (W. Brown).
2nd " " . "Revue Philatelic Francaise" (Soc. Ph. Franc.).
3rd " " . "Stamp News" (Th. Buhl & Co.).
1st Hon. Mention . "Ill. Brief. Zeitung" (Senf, of Leipzig).
2nd " . "Echo de la Timbrelogie" (E. Frémy).

CLASS 9.

For the best Album.

Silver Medal . Senf Bros., Leipzig.
1st Bronze " . Yvert & Tellier.
2nd " " . Bernard & Co.
1st Hon. Mention . Th. Buhl & Co.

CLASS 10.

For a collection of all the Philatelic Publications of one or more countries, with a detailed catalogue of the same.

Hon. Mention awarded to M. Tillot, who has exhibited a nearly complete collection of the current Philatelic Periodicals.

CLASS 11.

For the best system of movable binding, and an arrangement of stamps or cards in an album.

Bronze Medal . — Derepas.
1st Hon. Mention . — Pétritz.
2nd " " . J. K. Koning.

CLASS. 14.

For articles connected with the Postal Service, of all periods and all countries.

Hon. Mention awarded to M. Ouy.

CLASS 16.

For all articles connected with Stamps, not included in any of the foregoing classes.

Divided by the Jury into three sections.

SECTION 1. *Engravings and Essays.*

Bronze Medal . — Hellé.
Hon. Mention . E. Gréau.

SECTION 2. *Ornaments and Pictures.*

Silver Medal . Madame Vroomans-Leclerq.
Bronze " . P. Tissier.
Hon. Mention . M. Michailowitsch.

SECTION 3. *Panels and Tapestry.*

Bronze Medal . E. La Caille.
Hon. Mention . — Bardy.

CLASS 17.

For the encouragement afforded to Philately by Societies and Journals.

Silver Medal . Société Timbrophile d' Exchange.
Bronze " . Union Postale Universelle.
1st Hon. Mention . Société Timbrophile de Reims.
2nd " " . Lombard Society of Milan.

M. Emile Diéne, the only foreign member of the Jury present at their last meeting, announced that he and his foreign colleagues, whose opinion he felt sure that he expressed, had not taken into consideration, in the distribution of the prizes, the services rendered to the Exhibition by certain Philatelic Societies and Journals. He considered that these special services had greatly contributed to the success of the Exhibition, and that they should be acknowledged in some special manner.

The Committee not having placed at the disposal of the Jury any special prizes for the recognition of such services, the Jury might have contented themselves with mentioning publicly the names of those who had rendered them; but in response to the evidence afforded him of sympathy with his views in the matter, he expressed his willingness to follow his French colleagues in the new awards which the Jury have been invited to make, taking these services into consideration. The efforts made towards the success of the Exhibition, if they escape the notice of the foreign members of the Jury, will at least be recognized by this fresh acknowledgment.

It is for this reason that the Jury, agreeing with the opinion expressed by M. E. Diéna, proposed to the Committee the institution of the 17th Class, entitled, *Encouragement afforded to Philately by Societies and Journals*, to which were allotted the prizes mentioned above.

The Jury, in bringing their labours to a conclusion, desire publicly to express their thanks to the foreign members, Messrs. Castle, Giwelb and E. Diéne, for the justice and impartiality shown by them, and for the cordial relations which they maintained in all points with their French colleagues.

(Signed) DORSAN ASTRUC,
Reporting-Secretary, Member of the Jury.

And now *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* is to have a rival, sure. Mr. R. M. Miller, of New Chester, Pa., secretary of the Sons of Philately and publisher of *The Collector*, will issue a new magazine to be called *The Weekly Philatelist*. It will appear promptly on Nov. 1, and Bro. Miller assures me that it is *bound* to succeed. I am also informed that a certain Canadian dealer will issue a weekly on Jan. 1st, 1893. If these two new ones both put in an appearance, they are welcome; but can they secure the necessary support? If they are up to the standard of *Mekeel's Weekly*, they will undoubtedly succeed.

PHILATELIC SUB-STUDIES.

II.—PERFORATIONS.

BY THE EDITOR.

THE number and kind of perforations on a stamp quite often is an important factor in the value of a stamp, just as *paper* has been shown to be. Let us first clearly understand the meaning of the term "perforated."—When the stamps are printed, they are usually found in the entire sheet, with no means of separating them except by *cutting* each stamp from the sheet separately; this it can readily be seen is a very slow and unsatisfactory method of separating the stamps; yet nearly all the earlier issues of stamps were separated in this manner. Then followed the invention of the various methods of perforation. The commonest variety of perforation is that called *regular* perforation; the stamp thus perforated has rows of small round holes punched, or *cut out*, from between the stamps. This is the ordinary variety generally met with. Then, again, it is quite often the case that a different perforating machine is used to perforate quantities of a certain stamp, and the perforations are of a different size, consequently further apart; a line commonly used, is when a stamp is said to be *perforated 9*, or *perforated 14*, as the case may be. The number, or *size*, of the perforation described in the two foregoing terms are determined by a measure called the Perforation Gauge, and the number of these little holes punched in the space of *two centimetres* determines the size of the perforation. Thus, if 9 of the little holes are punched out in the space of two centimetres, the stamp is said to be *perforated 9*. As I have said before, the size of the perforation often makes a great difference in the value of a stamp; for example, take the 2 pence rose of Prince Edward Island, *perforated 9;* this stamp is worth $2.00, while perforated 13 it is worth but 10 cents. The abbreviation of the word perforation, "perf.," is nearly always used in preference to the word spelled out in full; therefore, a stamp with 14 perforations to the prescribed measurement is written, "perf. 14." A stamp that is not perforated is said to be *unperforated*, or *imperforated*—the abbreviations of which are, *imperf.* and *unperf.* The other varieties of perforation outside of regular perforation are executed differently; instead of the little bits of paper being pressed out, the holes are pricked out, little slits cut on little indentations made. In cases where the holes are pricked out instead of being punched out, the stamp is said to be *pin perforated*, The stamps of some of the later issues of Mexico are an excellent example of this method of perforation. When the stamps of a sheet are separated by rows of straight little indentations, thus - - - - -, impressed heavily, the stamp is said to be *rouletted*. At times the rouletting is done on the press where the stamps are being printed, instead of on a rouletting machine; this makes the little roulette indentations colored like the stamps; it is then said to be *rouletted* in color. *Pointed, or denated perforation*, or, as the French call it, *Perce en pointe*, is a variety of perforation in which the line of separation follows a zigzag course; of one side will be found to fit into the opposite side thus~~~~~, when separated and replaced, the points. *Scolloped perforation*, or, in French, *Perce en arc;* in this case the separation is effected by means of successive small cuts in the form of curves. When the stamps are separated by a somewhat different variety of wavy line, with *small breaks* between the curves, it is said to be serpentine perforation, as its appearance implies. In some cases one or two sides only of a stamp are perforated, the remaining sides being left unperforated; in such cases, the stamp is said to be *part* perforated. In *rare* cases, the little punches used for cutting out the holes in "regular perforation" are of different sizes, resulting in making the perforations of different sizes; this is called *irregular perforation;* but this variety is seldom met with. The above form the principal varieties of perforations; two or three other minor varieties are known, but they are of little or no importance.

I am pleased to see the interest manifested by the younger collectors in this series of brief explanatory articles; and I shall in all cases endeavor to make my descriptions as clear as is possible. In my third paper, in the December issue, I shall take up Engraving, Lithography, etc.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

PHILATELICS.

BY L. H. BENTON.

SOME time since I noticed a philatelic dodge emblematic of the "pure stubbornness" of surcharge fiends. It was a case of surcharging a 2½ cent stamp "1 cent," and then to get some 2½ centers (that denomination having been sacrificed for surcharges) by having *another* denomination surcharged 2½ cents. Being a "provisional" (!!) issue, this could have been avoided, as many 50-centers would not have to be surcharged and used as 1-centers ere a regular emission could be secured.

Though a certain initial number of a philatelic periodical recently brought $1.80 at an auction sale, stamp papers in general are mighty hard things to dispose of for cash. One can dispose of any quantity in exchange for stamps and other philatelic journals, but when it comes to the real old cash, the papers are "not in it" with stamps for ogling the dimes from their "pocket-book home."

There is one advantage used stamps have over unused ones, and that is, if not counterfeit, they have come from the country they represent; so if we have a used stamp from Australia we know that the little bit of paper has travelled from that far-distant land, thousands of miles away; while in the case of the unused specimen, it may have been received by the dealer direct from the makers, and though it be all right, and is a stamp of a certain country, it has not the charm attending a used one, as mentioned above.

When I see those queer English stamps, some of those "revenue-used-for-postage" kind, with the malediction "*Honi soit qui mal y pense*" on them, I cannot help thinking, Did J. J. Morgan, Tingley, or any of those philatelic brigands ever see them, and realize the meaning of that little French phrase? For the benefit of those who may not be familiar enough with French to understand the point, I will state that the English interpretation of the phrase is, "Evil be to him that evil thinks."

Why is it that the "R" German registered stamps are not catalogued, while those Bavaria "return letter stamps" (!) are?—those labels which any printer can and will print for a few cents per 100, and from which printing-office most convenient to the dealer they probably emanate.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

FORTY ADVANTAGES, PLEASURES AND BENEFITS OF STAMP-COLLECTING.

BY L. H. BENTON.

THAT few amusements have more desirable qualities than Philately is apparent by the following enumerated inducements which causes one to cease to wonder at the large number of devotees to the stamp-collecting pursuit :

1. It is a very facinating amusement.
2. Taken all in all, it is a general advantage all around ; "it is the companion of education."
3. One's geographical knowledge is enhanced by it.
4. It tends to familiarize one with history.
5. Biography is brought up.
6. The various beautiful colors and designs tend to cultivate one's aesthetic tastes.
7. We learn concerning the various political methods of the various governments.
8. An idea of the monetary values of various countries is acquired also.
9. Of the characteristics of the various languages we get some knowledge.
10. Some are inspired to study a language through a curiosity concerning inscriptions on stamps, and also from a desire to facilitate the handling of their foreign philatelic correspondence.
11. From the portraits and profiles on stamps an idea of the physiognomical characteristics of the people of various countries is obtained.
12. A familiarity with the arms, flags and national colors of the different nations is unconsciously acquired.
13. The financial benefit accruing from the sale of long-kept rare stamps beats banks or any other institution "out of sight."
14. One's ideas are broadened by the social contact with other stamp collectors, especially in philatelic societies.
15. Correspondence, in regard to buying, selling, exchanging, etc., is a direct aid to a business education.
16. It causes to pass pleasantly and advantageously, educationally speaking, many a winter evening which would otherwise be dull and unprofitable.
17. "It provides many with a purpose in life which they might otherwise lack."
18. "It teaches the science of classification."
19. "It reveals minute objects of interest oftentimes overlooked."
20. "It teaches us 'patience is a virtue' and 'practice makes perfect.'"
21. It cultivates the habit of close observation.
22. It tends to excite one's curiosity to know many things in connection with one's stamps.
23. The heads on stamps gives us an inkling to the official roster of some of the nations.
24. Through the dates of the appearance of stamps containing portraits thereon we get a notion of the official periods of various rulers.
25. Such stamps afford a "picture gallery" of those who stand at the executive helm of nations, and other eminent personages connected with the growth and political progress of said nations.
26. In connection with this they also show one the mark of respect and honor rendered to the original of the profiles on the stamps in acknowledgment of a faithful performance of official duties.
27. It causes a collector to subscribe for philatelic papers, from which is derived much valuable information, and through which one's notions and knowledge are broadened.
28. These may excite a desire to see one's name in print over an article by himself, causing him to contribute to the philatelic press, and if successful is generally kept up to a more or less extent. This is a literary benefit, and may lead to other things.
29. Philatelic papers in various languages tend to cultivate one's linguistic abilities and inclinations.
30. One's knowledge as to where certain languages are used is increased ; he learns that French is spoken as much outside of France as within, in Switzerland, Egypt, Canada, etc.
31. A thirst for interesting philatelic statistics and general facts assails him ; he finds and reads them.
32. The imagination and comprehensive abilities are augmented.
33. Pronunciation and spelling of various names (especially *foreign*) is acquired.
34. Through new issues and initial issues there is always something new to learn.
35. The countries to which various colonies and islands belong are quickly known by the heads on the stamps.
36. A knowledge of the variety and large number of colors with their shades and tints is obtained.
37. Social contact with fellow-collectors in exchanging, etc., tends to knock out any selfish notions.
38. If interest in the literary part of philately leads one to publish a stamp paper, that one gets a heap of experience which is more than valuable to him.
39. Philately is verily a branch of education, and a general pleasure embracing *multum in parvo*.
40. And then the convenient way of keeping stamps, as compared with coins, for instance.

NOTE BY THE AUTHOR.—The items in quotations are the precise words used by other authors in dissertations on "Philatelic Benefits," etc.

STRAY HUMOR.

If a MADAGASCAR young man's sweetheart should take advantage of leap year, she would not find it difficult to reverse matters in the *billet-doux* line by putting the letter on the stamp instead of the usual way of putting the stamp on the letter.

Tailor—"The postal service is in a bad condition."
Friend—"Never noticed it."
Tailor—"Well, I have. During last month I sent out one hundred and eighty statements of accounts with requests for immediate payment, and so far as as I can learn only two of my customers received their letters."

SWEET REVENGE.

Fashionable Young Lady (at the P.O. window).—"Young man, will you please to be so kind as to inform me as to what time the four o'clock New York mail goes, and where it goes to?"

Weary Clerk (wearily, yet with a vengeful gleam in his eye).—"Madam, it goes at sixty minutes of seventeen o'clock yesterday and doesn't stop until it reaches Afghanoohooptumduboogarikatoojinzza.——"What! gone? Well, some people do get huffy quick."

Society Items.

[We desire the Secretaries of all Societies to send us *brief* reports of their meetings each month, and such will be published free, and we trust that Societies will not be slow in taking advantage of this privilege.]

The twenty-third regular meeting of the Garfield Perry Stamp Club, of Cleveland, Ohio, was held in their rooms in the Harkness Block, corner of Euclid and Wilson Ave. The meeting was called to order with President Schneider in the chair; the following members being present: Messrs. Bailey, Brodie, Wilcox, C. & N. Stockwell and one visitor. Minutes of the twenty-second meeting were read and approved. The Committee, which was appointed to canvas the project of electing a resident *vice-president* of the A. P. A., reported that there were a sufficient number of A. P. A. members in the vicinity, and the Secretary was entrusted to call a meeting of the A. P. A. members for this purpose at the next regular meeting. Communications from J. J. Overton, of this city, and C. B. Duffy, of Columbus, applying for membership, were read. All members are requested to bring their collections and lots for the auction sale to the next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10 p m. Address all communications to Carl. N. Stockwell, Secretary, 645 Prospect St. Cleveland, Ohio.

Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal reports that a Philatelic Society has been formed in Bombay, India, with Mr. J. Seymour Summers as Secretary; address 33 Sassoon Dock Road, Bombay, India. A goodly number of resident collectors attended the first meeting.

A large list of applications for membership to the A. P. A. was published in the November issue of the *American Philatelist*. The Society is experiencing one of the old-time "booms."

The South African Philatelic Society held its second annual general meeting at Fort Elizabeth, Cape Colony, on July 20th.

The Philatelic Society, of Victoria, was formed August 10th with a membership of thirty one; Chas. Heasleman, Melbourne, as the Secretary.

The *Eastern Philatelist* says that despite the contradictory reports published, Mr. George Vanderbilt has really a nice collection of postage stamps. This came to light the other day, when an inventory of this gentleman's museum was taken. With his wealth, he should possess a fine collection.

In the October issue of the *Postal Card* appears an interesting article on "The French Balloon Cards," reprinted from the *American Journal of Philately*. By the way, this little magazine proves an invaluable help to us *poor* post-card collectors.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's price list, consisting of 64 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed, and together with postage, the total cost will be $1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

J. W. —The government is not responsible for registered letters. It only agrees for the extra postage to take a little better care than it does of other mail. You cannot sue the Canadian Government.

MRS. W. D. SMITH, Portsmouth, N. H.—The specimens of envelopes submitted are the common varieties of little or no value; the specimen with double impression is worth no more than an ordinary specimen.

Montreal, Oct. 20th, 1892.

EDITOR CANADIAN PHILATELIST:—

Have been told by a friend of an Insurance stamp issued in Canada some time ago, which after being in use a short time was recalled and money refunded for those used, all which were said to have been destroyed. Can you give me any information in regard to this stamp? Has it any philatelic value? if so, how much are they worth? Are there many of them to be found in a used state? By answering above in next issue of the *Canadian Philatelist*, you will kindly oblige, Yours very truly,

MORTON WEBB.

We have no information whatever in regard to the above stamp. Cannot some of our readers enlighten us? We shall be pleased to publish any correspondence on this matter.

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CONDITIONS:

1. All manuscript must be written on one side of the paper only; and must be accompanied by the *full* name and address of the sender.
2. The competition closes February the 28th, 1893. Results of the competition will be made known in our January issue, and awards forwarded winners immediately on the close of the competition.
3. Articles must be addressed to Editor CANADIAN PHILATELIST, 185½ Dundas Street, London, Canada, and must be marked "Writer's Prize Competition."
4. Every competitor must be a ***paid-up subscriber*** to the CANADIAN PHILATELIST.
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EDITORIAL.

The Writers' Competition. We have every reason to be pleased with the results of our "Writers' Prize Competition." It not only serves to bring to light the "hidden talent" of some of our readers, but it also serves to make the magazine more interesting. Although we have already received many first-class articles, we feel convinced that the time allotted for the competition is too short, and for the benefit of our readers who would otherwise be unable to contribute, we have decided to extend the time from Dec. 31st to Feb. 28th, thus giving all a chance. Now, we desire all who are so gifted to try "the fruits of their pens" in this competition. See announcement elsewhere. Our Christmas issue will be a triumph of Philatelic journalism, and we shall publish the best articles received therein. Bear in mind that every competitor must be a paid-up subscriber to this journal.

Weekly Papers. *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* still remains in full possession of the field. None of the weekly stamp papers announced have as yet materialized. The one we expected from New Chester, Pa., on Nov. 1st, under the management of Mr. Miller, of *The Collector*, has not shown up. A publisher must think twice before endeavoring to publish a weekly. It is no small undertaking. By the way, it is reported that we may expect a first-class Canadian weekly next year. Whoever the publisher or publishers are, we trust their venture will be a success in every way.

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Are you a Subscriber? If not, we would urge upon you the advantage of at once having your name placed on our books. Every subscriber who places his subscription in our hands has the assurance of 12 numbers, or his money refunded. Gradual and steady increase in both size and quality is our aim. To make the magazine attain a high standard of excellence is our determination. We have, and shall make every effort to secure the best and most interesting reading matter that can be procured. It will be to your interest to subscribe.

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The L. P. S. The Lawrence Philatelic Society has re-organized with the following officers: President, George B. King; Vice-Pres., Wm. M. Stuart; Treas. and Librarian, D. Fred. Mann; Sec., Geo. C. Stewart, 177 Jackson street; Ex-Superintendent, L. C. Richardson; Official Organ, *Pentucket Philatelist*; initiation fee, 25c.; annual dues, 50c. Meetings held every two weeks, in Jackson Hall.

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Our Handbooks. Our series of Canadian Philatelic Handbooks have been both a literary and financial success. They have rapidly sprung into favor with collectors and dealers the world over, and their sale large and encouraging. *Every* collector and dealer should possess the entire series of these valuable little books. The first two are now ready for delivery, and parties who have not secured them should do so at once. See advertisement elsewhere. The books are sure to please you. Nos. 3 and 4 of this series are now in course of active preparation, and will be ready about Jan. 1st. No. 3 is entitled "The Stamp Collector's Companion," while No. 4 sails under "The Detection of Counterfeits." These two last, Nos. 3 and 4, will be the largest and best of the series. The price for them is the same as the others, viz.: 25 cents postpaid. Orders may be booked now. To any collector sending $1 post-office order for these four Handbooks we will give a year's subscription to this journal free.

Observe that Our Exchange department PAYS.—Mr. Cleve Scott, of Central City, Neb., who has advertised in nearly all the philatelic papers, writes us thus, under date of Nov. 22: "My last exchange notice in your valued journal brought me more answers than ALL my other advertisements COMBINED. Insert enclosed notice for two months." "It has paid others, and it will pay you." Try it!

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Sellschopp's Fourth Sale. W. Sellschopp & Co. hold their fourth sale on Dec. 13th, 15th and 17th, in Hall No. 1, A. O. F. Bldg., 102 O'Farrell st., San Francisco, Cal. Many fine lots are offered,—over eleven hundred. The stamps are on exhibition at the office of Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co. until Nov. 30th; after that, at office of the Auctioneers.

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The American Coinage. In London, and the majority of Ontario's principal cities and towns the banks and merchants refuse to take American silver or bills except at a discount of THIRTY-TWO PER CENT. When remitting to Canadian dealers, American collectors should avoid remitting in U.S. bills and silver, as it is as good as useless here.

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Bradt's Ninth Sale. The S. B. Bradt Company hold their ninth sale at 136 Wabash ave., on Dec. 14th, at 7.30 p.m. The sale will be conducted by Mr. C. M. Wilbur. The collection and duplicates of Mr. T. J. Mitchell, of Chicago, make up the sale, which consists of 554 lots. A number of wholesale lots are offered.

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A Liberal Premium Offer. We are very anxious to add another thousand subscribers to our subscription list before the close of the present year. In order to do this, we offer the following inducement to all who subscribe before December 31st next: To any person who forwards us 25 cents for one year's subscription to this magazine, with 3 cents extra for postage and mailing, we will send any one of the following Premiums ABSOLUTELY FREE: 1000 of the best gummed hinges; 100 varieties of foreign stamps; 25 blank approval sheets; or 100 U.S. revenue stamps. It is to your interest to take advantage of this liberal premium offer. This paper alone is worth the price. The premiums are forwarded only when the extra postage is sent. Favor us with your subscription. Present subscribers wishing to take advantage of this offer may do so, having their subscription extended one year.

Our Retail List We would call the attention of our customers to the fact that our Third Annual Retail List has just been issued, and it is larger, cheaper and better than ever before. Every collector and dealer should possess a copy. To those who have not yet received it, we shall be pleased to forward it, *post free* on application.

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Our Personal Column. This department was inaugurated last month, and is evidently appreciated by our readers. We wish it to be a glowing success, and at all times will be pleased to have our subscribers and patrons send us *short* personal items about themselves for publication, and in this way aid us in making this department an interesting feature. Let us hear from you.

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Albrecht's Ninth Sale. Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co. lead, this season, in the philatelic auction mart. Their ninth sale will be held at the usual place on December 8th. Among the varieties, we notice a reconstructed sheet of Providence, and a fine lot of U.S. 1870 (grilled) issue. Catalogues may be had on application to 90 Nassau street, N.Y. city.

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Various Matters. The Exchange Department is ready for everybody, and the rates very low compared with our regular adv. rates.—Collectors and dealers would confer a favor on the publishers by forwarding us the names of all their stamp collecting friends.—Our Approval Sheet Department is in active operation—see advertisement!—Cash must be sent with copy by advertisers unknown to us.—Subscriptions must begin with current issue; back numbers are very scarce and can only be supplied at 10 cts. each; no discount.

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An Inducement to Purchasers. The publishers of this magazine offer to every collector, who is not already a subscriber to this paper, purchasing goods to the amount of $1.00 or over from their price lists herein, this paper for *six months* FREE. This inducement remains open from October 25th to December 31st, and only open to non-subscribers.

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Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

Thirteen tons of postage stamps are said to have been sold in New York City last year.

A Portland, Me. woman, who has a mania for cancelled postage stamps, has over a million of them.

A postal card was sold in Paris for $50 a short time ago. It had gone around the world after the person to whom it was addressed, and bore 72 postmarks.

Adolph Schlesinger, of Christchurch, New Zealand, has been fined $80, or the option of two months' imprisonment, with hard labor, for dealing in forged stamps. One of the stamps produced against him in court was a genuine New Zealand, first issue, but the paper chemically changed to blue.

James Miller, postmaster at Gauley Bridge, W. Va., was appointed by Wm. Henry Harrison, over fifty years ago, and is probably the oldest postmaster in the country. He has retained his office through all the political changes of the past half century, and at the age of 86 years is as prompt and efficient as any postmaster in the State.

The greatest stamp collectors in the world are Philippe Ferrari, son of the late Duchesse de Galliera, and the Czar, whose collection is said to be worth $600,000. The Czar began his collection when a boy and has been adding to it ever since. M. Ferrari, who is said to have cast away a fortune because he said it did not belong to him, hoards stamps as misers hoard money.—*Boston Daily Globe.*

Mail Service of Brazil.—Washington, Oct. 11.—The postmaster-general to-day executed contracts for ocean mail service with a New York and Brazil Mail Steamship Company. The service will begin Dec. 1892, and three steamers will leave the port of New York on that date and twice each month thereafter. The terminal points are New York City and Buenos Ayres, touching en route at St. Thomas, Martinique, Barbadoes, Para, Maranhao, Pernambuco, Bahai, Rio de Janeiro, Santos and Montevideo.—*Boston Daily Globe.*

A Royal Stamp Collector.—The Duke of Edinburgh is a great stamp collector, and has stamps which are worth a very large sum of money. Officers in the navy, who know his royal highness' weakness for these valuable little pieces of paper, collect those of whatever foreign station they may be at and send them to the royal admiral. There is one private collection in England which has been valued at £50,000, and even the heads of the magnificent house of Rothschild are not above investing considerable sums in the purchase of rare and valuable stamps. The German stamps of the old pattern will be of no value in circulation after March next; a complete set of them will, however, be very useful in a collection, and efforts are being made to secure these for many of our best known collectors.—*Boston Daily Globe.*

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

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I WILL give forty cents in U.S. revenues for a three pence Canada postage. Erastus Cornell, Box 409, Marshalltown, Iowa.

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I WANT all kinds of U.S. and British North American stamps in exchange for good foreign. Approval sheets at 50 per cent. commission, lowest prices. New 72 pp. Catalogue free. H. Flachskam. 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo. (t f.)

100 U. S. square cut envelope stamps, green on blue paper, '87 issue, 15c. 25 varieties of U. S. postage or revenue stamps, 8c 1000 die-cut Stamp Hinges, 9c., post-paid. W. O. Loomis, Hubbardsville, New York.

20 VAR. British Colonials, 15 cents; 18 different South American and Mexican, 15 cents; 50 different European, 5 cents. Agents wanted for 1, 2 and 3 sheets at 50%. J. M. Hutchinson, 127 n. 13th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED! Canadian and United States stamps (except 1c., 2c. and 3c.) at Scott's catalogue prices, in exchange for stamps from my sheets of duplicates. Send along your stamps and receive my sheets to choose from. Harton Walker, Toronto, Canada.

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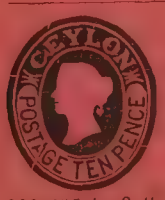

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PHILATELIC SUB-STUDIES.

III. — METHODS OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.

BY THE EDITOR.

In our previous papers we have dealt with the methods of perforating stamps, and the various kinds of paper used in the manufacture of the same. Some omissions have been made, but it would not prove convenient to mention them here, so I shall leave them till the close of the series, and shall mention these omissions in an addition, which will be necessary to ensure a complete work.

In this paper we shall enter into a more difficult field of our sub-studies, one which is probably the least understood, and one which it is difficult to give a clear explanation. The preparing of our stamp, the designing, the engraving, and the printing is no small matter, and few collectors realize the amount of work that has been expended on their stamps before they are ready for public use.

The designing of the stamp is of very little moment to us, and we shall confine our attention to the methods of engraving the plates and the printing of the stamps. The term *essay* is often met with. An *essay* is a design for a stamp submitted to the authorities for their approval. In the essay the stamp appears as it would appear when printed, as may be seen it is a species of a *proff*. *Proff* is a common term, and one that is well known to collectors. The *proff* of a stamp is taken from *an accepted design*, and is as a rule taken in various colors in order to ascertain the color which best suits the design, or the tastes of the authorities. Proffs are generally printed on rice or India paper, or thin cardboard. The manner of taking a proff: It is not printed as the stamps are. The *die* is covered with ink, and the paper laid upon the die and hammered. Thus an impression is secured. Many collectors make a specialty of collecting these proffs, and they are a desirably interesting branch of collecting, a branch which is followed by many of the more advanced collectors. Proffs themselves are in many cases far prettier than the stamp itself, and especially are they attractive when arranged on a page so as to display the harmony of their color and design. Proffs of rare stamps are obtainable at prices very much lower than the original stamp is. Two examples of this: The proff of the New Brunswick "Connell" may be obtained for from $3.00 to $5.00 while, the original stamp is worth $100. The proff of the Canada 12 pence black is worth $5.00 or $6.00, while the stamp itself is worth about $1.50. Proffs may generally be detected by the bright and fresh appearance of the paper used in their preparation.

Taille Douce (or line engraving) is engraving on copper plate, and the impressions resulting from a plate engraved in this manner are called line engravings. This method of printing is probably one of the oldest in existence, as it was employed by most of the early printers The process of *taille douce* engraving differs materially from other methods. In this method the lines which are to appear in colors are *cut into the plate*. In the printing from the plates the ink is rubbed into these cuts, and then all ink is wiped from *the raised portions* of the plate. These raised portions remain white in the printing. The paper used for printing engravings of this nature is generally dampened slightly, and great pressure is used, which forces the paper into the hollows of the plate, thus absorbing the ink. Stamps printed by this method can easily be distinguished, for on careful examination these lines of ink will be found to exist in a raised condition on the paper. At times the paper has the appearance of *ribbed* paper, owing to the great pressure against the raised lines. The majority of the adhesive postage stamps of the United States are made by this method.

Probably the commonest method of printing is that called *typography* or *surface printing*. In this method, and which by the way is 50% simpler, a process is adopted almost directly opposite to *line engraving*. Typography is used in the printing of books, etc. In this method the parts intended to be left uncolored are cut away, while those intended to receive the ink and convey the impression are left in relief, or on the original surface, hence the term *surface printing*. Type and all kinds of ordinary illustrations used in printing are produced by this process. Nearly all the postage stamps of the world are produced by this process, which is by far the more simple and speedy method. In this method it is not *necessary* that the paper be damp as is the case with *taille douce* engraving, but notwithstanding this it is often used in that condition.

As all my readers are probably aware, *Lithography* is printing from stone. In this method the design of the stamps are drawn upon paper and transferred from the paper to the stone. When the stone is being used in printing it is washed with a mixture that makes it so that the ink will not adhere to the stone itself, but only to the design. Lithography is as a rule a very slow method. Two methods are known for telling a lithographed stamp, but even with these it is difficult to distinguish it from a typographed stamp. The design of a lithograph is not nearly so clearly brought out as by some of the other methods, and further, a lithographed stamp generally has a greasy feeling on the surface.

The manufacture of the plates is interesting. A single stamp is engraved on soft steel, and this *die* is then impressed into a mixture of wax, etc., which is used for the molds. The die is impressed in rows of impression until a sheet of the necessary size is produced. Then the plate is usually cast in one piece from this mold, made from original engraving. This process is called Electography.

(To be continued.)

A PHILATELIST'S MUSINGS.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

When dusky darkness hovers
O'er meadows all about,
I come from work all dusty,
And completely tired out ;
But supper over, I'm content,
From cares and troubles free,
I take the big old rocker—
Rest my album on my knee.

You may talk of royal castles,
And the riches they contain ;
You may picture gloating misers
As they count their greedy gain ;
But these titled lands and castles,
Lying far across the sea,
Wouldn't rest my tired muscles
Like this album on my knee.

The student spends his evenings
O'er his text-book and his slate—
Burns the midnight oil in study,
Working early, working late,
Parsing grammar, solving problems—
Some he never finds the key—
But I find my greatest comfort
In the album on my knee.

There's the love-sick youth and maiden
Leaning o'er the garden gate :
He has just proposed, and, anxious,
Waits for her to speak his fate—
She has promised to be faithful
Whatever life may be ;
That's bliss, but not such as I find
In the album on my knee.

I rest my tired muscles,
I soothe my aching head
In musing o'er my treasures
Ere I retire to bed ;
I see no dreary moments,
Life's sweet, from troubles free,
And I owe my greatest pleasure
To this album on my knee.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

CENTRALIZATION SHALL END—— WHERE?

"EKS. PLUSTOO."

THE student of philately to-day is lost amid the maze of new issues, surcharges, re-issues, and reprints; and as he watches month by month the almost endless additions to an already too sumptuous bill of fare, he, nauseated by the very bountifulness of the supply, and discouraged by the impossibility of attaining even a fairly complete collection of stamps of the world drops his favorite pastime, or seeks a satisfaction in specialization, generally the latter.

But, "One golden day redeems a weary year," and centralization or consolidation of states, and provinces is the golden day that has been redeeming, and will continue to redeem this weary multitude of new stamps.

Many of the collectors of twenty-five years ago will remember the pride with which they used to show their stamps of British Columbia and Vancouver Island ; those of United Canada, Upper and Lower ; New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island stamps, each arranged under its heading as an independent colony. But time passes, and brings its changes, and things little dreamed of have brought about the confederation of these provinces, and their centralization as the great Dominion of Canada, with one issue of stamps common to all. Thus the old series have been made obsolete, their values greatly increased because of their rarity, and proud indeed, and happy is he whose album pages are full of them !

Let us turn over an old collection. Under the heading Modena we find stamps with an eagle between two olive branches ; Parma gives the Fleur-de-lis in a crowned circle ; Naples with its strange coat of arms—white horse and legged head ; Sicily with profile of Ferdinand II ; the crowned lion and shield of Tuscany ; and the tiara and keys of the Roman States, all under their respective titles, but to-day they seem to become strangely mixed with the stamps of Sardinia, and finally emerge with the profiles of Victor Emmanuel and King Humbert as the stamps of a United Italy. These changes tell the story of wars and rumors of wars, of struggle, and bloodshed, and havoc ; of desires vainly cherished, and at length fully satisfied ; of a country for centuries parcelled out in fragments, each the pleasure ground of a paltry despot ; but now a great and united nation, in full enjoyment of constitutional liberty, with every natural advantage—a fertile soil, a genial climate, an ample seaboard and easy communication with all the world. Centralization has done this much for Italy, and it has relegated to the catalogue of rarities the stamps of the once separated provinces.

And why need I refer at length to what this tendency to centralize had done for Germany ? Has it not formed the mightiest empire of Central Europe ? And has it not, and is it not making more valuable each day the obsolete stamps of the majority of its now united provinces or states ? Still later we have the work of centralization, in the retiring of the stamps of Antigua, Montserrat, St. Christopher, Nevis, Virgin Islands and Dominica by the one single series of the Leeward Islands.

Now where shall this tendency to centralization end ? No one who has considered the matter will charge me with dreaming when I state that ere long Australia will yield to its power. She is so well suited to form, if necessary, by her geographical position, a confederacy of her own. Australia now consists of five separate colonies :—New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland. All these are provinces of one vast island, the largest island in the world. Even New Zealand and Tasmania might naturally form part of a great Australian confederation, with one series of stamps for all.

And is there not something more than mere conjecture in the statement that England, Ireland and the states that now are colonies, may form a wider and a grander federation ? Why should Canada, Victoria, Cape Colony, Natal and all other British colonies not form an Imperial Federation, with an Imperial Parliament, and a common voice on questions of foreign policy, of peace and war, and postal conveniences ?

And dare I even whisper that a Universal Postal Union may evolve a universal postage stamp ? Centralization shall end——where ?

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FROM DIFFERENT STANDPOINTS.

BY A. O. E.

BY many charms, many beauties, many inducements, both financial and literary, Philately holds her admirers in enraptured awe. From the youngest no difference is distinguishable except that the older the collector, the stronger the tie which binds him to his favorite hobby, pursuit or business, as the case may be. From a financial standpoint, we especially obtain a very interesting view of some of of Philately's inducements.

Financially, "philately has charms." In all spheres of both the civilized and uncivilized world, the mind of man seems to form the proverb "money is the principal thing ; therefore with all thy getting get money" instead of wisdom as the wiser portion of humanity strive after. We may divide the world into two classes : wealth seeking, and seekers after knowledge, wisdom and literary attainments, and philately has inducements for both these classes, and from these two standpoints I shall make a brief explanation of these inducements.

I was speaking of financial inducements. This may come under the eye of the dealer, collector or non-collector, but in every case I trust it will serve its point: Scott's 51st and 53rd edition catalogues are before me as I write. What a difference ! What an advance in price some stamps have made ! In the case of Canadian stamps, the value of many of these have increased from one to three hundred per cent. The 8 cent blue register has advanced from 50 cents to $1. The 3d unperforate leaps from 10 to 20 cents. The 10 cent violet, 1859, from 8 to 25 cents. The large 5 cent olive green, from 8 to 25 cents. The 12½ cent, '59, from 12 to 20 cents. The 2 cent, '59, from 10 to 40 cents, and so on thousands of other instances could be quoted illustrating great advances. The older and rarer issues are steadily advancing in price, and every new collector who enters philately's realms assists to raise the prices of these issues. In nearly every business prices are governed by the law of supply and demand, and in few businesses is this more so than in the stamp business. A stamp of which the supply is small and the demand is great, must necessarily bring a high price. Then as dealers dispose of quantities of this stamp each year and their supply becomes smaller, the price goes up. This is the great criterion which fixes the price of stamps. What other business can offer such material advantages, such a wide and paying field for speculation, in many cases a clean profit of from fifty to one hundred per cent in a single year. I venture to say but few can. Another peep at another way in which philately has made her adherents rich. How many collectors, who, when their purses failed to aid them in purchasing new varities for their collection, have turned for aid to their friends' garrets to search for old correspondence, and with what success? Some have had little, others great. Many a fortunate collector has in a single afternoon found stamps on old correspondence for which he has realized hundreds of dollars. I can also speak this from experience. Many finds have been made, but the number yet to be made is greater far. Why should you not make one? A little determined search will do it. Try ! Philately pays !

Many collectors scorn the thought that they are philatelists through a "greed for gold", and were you to insinuate such a thought, you would not be thanked. Although philately is a good investment it does not follow that a collector is a collector for that reason. Some collect for pastime or for amusement, some for profit, and some for the knowledge acquired thereby.

A few thoughts on the possible attainment of the knowledge seekers. A great scope for the study of nature opens itself to us through the various designs of our stamps ! A field for the student of nations. The collector who is interested in geographical studies finds the hundreds of countries which issue stamps, a sort of an inspiration to aid him to geographical research. The historical student's craving is also satisfied. The rise and fall of governments, the dethronement or death of old, and rise of new rulers. To him who desired to inform himself of the coinage, language, etc., of the world in general, finds an admirable opportunity through the study of his stamps.

From whatever standpoint we view philately, we cannot but be impressed with its claims as both a profitable and interesting amusement. Philately is becoming better known year by year, its adherents are rapidly increasing, and I am of the opinion that the time is not far distant when it will have increased to twice its present great proportions.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

VALUES OF CANADIAN STAMPS.

LUTHER W. MOTT.

It is interesting to compare the prices for Canadian stamps in Scott's 53rd edition catalogue with those in the 51st issued just before it became the fashion to specialize in Canadians. The first issue of Canada has gone up on an average 33⅓%. The second issue has increased less, and the issue of 1868 but slightly, although the one cent jumps from three cents to fifteen for a used specimen. The eight cent registered, as was to be expected, catalogued in '90 at forty cents, is down for a dollar now. The five and ten cent envelopes have increased from one and two dollars to one and a half and three and a half respectively.

British Columbians have gone up about 25%. In Nova Scotias, the three pence, dark blue, 1851, has risen from $1.50 to $2.50, the 6d. from $5 to $8.50, the 1d., 1853, from $3 to $5, while the one shilling, 1853, unpriced in the 51st edition, is now quoted at $40.00. Of the 1860 issue, every stamp has, at least, doubled, and several much more.

The 1s., New Brunswick, 1851, goes from $30.00 to $40.00. The prices given for the 1860 issue are too large ; nobody will buy at the figures quoted in the 53rd for some time. They are changed from those in the 51st but a little, while the stamps, as everyone knows, have become very common in the last year.

In Newfoundlands we can find some large gains in value. The 2d., 1863, and the 5c., 1866, have doubled, while the 5c., 1868, used and unused specimens of which cost 35c. and 65c. in '90, can now be obtained for not less than $2.00 in either condition. Down to and including 1876 there is a general increase; stamps issued since that time show no change.

While Scott is not as good an authority on Canadians as some others, still his prices are very valuable for comparison. We can see that in the past two years there has been a big rise in prices of Canadian stamps. This rise will probably go on for some time, as there are many collectors who make a specialty of the stamps of British North America.

CANADIAN OMISSIONS

BY THE EDITOR.

IF all subjects which especially interest me is the study of the postage and revenue stamps of Canada and the Provinces. For the past few years I have made these stamps a special study, and the longer I study and the farther I progress, the more evident it becomes to me that my subject is by no means a small one, and that as collectors become more observant, the farther its limits are extended.

At the time my work on the "Stamps of British North America" was issued, in which some seven hundred varieties were dealt with, I was under the impression that the catalogue was fairly complete, but no sooner had it been issued than one, after another, I had varieties brought under my notice which I had omitted to list. As this list has for some time been accumulating, I take advantage of this opportunity of placing them in a useful shape. As I write, I have before me piles of letters, memoranda, data, and stamps in a very mixed condition, and I shall not attempt to arrange in their chronicle order, but deal with them as they come under my notice. Not only shall I describe the omissions, but shall attempt to discuss matters of interest in regard to the stamps of Canada. So much for a tiresome preface.

The first slip and stamp which comes under my notice was written but a few days since. The current issue of Canada one cent *lemon*, now appears in a deep orange. As is already well known, this stamp was first issued in an *orange* color in 1883. It was shortly after changed to *lemon*, which color it has been up to the present. The shade of orange now in use is not as dark as was used in 1883. An error in the "Stamps of British North America" recently shown me: The color on No 97 should be *lemon* instead of *orange*. The orange was not in use at that date (1889.)

A stamp which has been attracting considerable attention during the past few months is the 5 cent beaver of the 1859 issue. Every British North American specialist is familiar with the common variety. With a specimen of this it will be easy to distinguish the two newly discovered varieties. The first of these is somewhat common, and is due to the worn condition of the plates. In the common variety, examination will show that the shading is darker around the numerals in the corners than in any other portion of the stamp. In the variety this portion of the stamp is white or nearly so. This variety is by no means scarce, and on comparison a great difference is preceptible. The third variety of this stamp is of greater interest and distinction than the preceding. This variety is due to a mistake in the preparation of the plate. All the lines at the left hand side of the stamp appear in double. The common theory as to the source of this variety is that the die slipped while the plate was being electroplated. Again, some are of the opinion that this variety is the result of a double impression, but this argument is laid aside for the reason that had it been the result of a double impression every line in the stamp would have appeared in double, while as it is, the double lines are noticable principally at one side.

"Mr. F. De Coppet, of New York, has a 15 cent violet issue of 1868, on thin paper horizontally laid." So says the October *American Journal of Philately*. It is not improbable that other varieties of this set may also be found on laid paper.

A recent issue of the *Dominion Philatelist* says that the publishers are in possession of a current 5 cent green register on paper water-marked with makers' name. I am inclined to doubt the existence of this stamp, though it may exist. Is it a genuine variety? Some one may have imposed on the editor of the Dominion Philatelist. I have examined *thousands* of sheets, and never yet saw the slightest appearance of a water-mark.

While speaking of the 5 cent green register, I might mention a little incident regarding the unperforated 5 cent. Many doubt the existence of this stamp in unperforated condition. Mr. J. S. Robertson, the well known B. N. A. specialist, recently had occasion to purchase some 5 cent registers, when the stamp clerk *complained* to him that some few days before she came across a sheet that was unperforated, and had actually to stop and cut them apart. It is needless to say had Mr. Robertson saw the sheet he would have saved the poor stamp clerk the trouble of cutting them apart.

A well known variety of Prince Edward Island was omitted from "*The Stamps of British North America*" through an oversight. I refer to the *error* three cent rose, with period after *Prince*. This variety is very scarce.

In another portion of this issue will be found a letter from Mr. R. F. Maddigan, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., in reference to the Bill stamps of Nova Scotia. Mr. Maddigan possesses specimens exactly the reverse of any that have been previously catalogued. He possesses two specimens of the $2, surcharged at the *top*. From this we may be led to believe that the whole set is found surcharged at the *top*. The *low values* were always supposed to have been surcharged *only* at the top. As will be seen in his letter, he has some of the lower values with surcharge at the bottom. Now, from this information it would seem that two sets were in existence. Now, are the the above varities genuine? If so, have any of our readers any other varities besides those mentioned. Not having as yet seen the specimens I am unable to say anything in reference to their being genuine.

(To be continued.)

$50 FOR A POSTAL CARD.

IT HAD BEEN ROUND THE WORLD AND HAD 72 POSTMARKS.

The exhibition of postage stamps at the Palais de l'Industrie, in Paris, has given a notable boom to the trade in used stamps. The Stamp Exchange in the Champs Elysees fell for some time into a state of languor, but it is now brisker than ever.

One sees there every morning between 300 and 400 philatelists or speculators. They meet in the open air near the Marigny end of the gardens, and make a great hubbub as if they were at the Bourse. Quotations of the price are telegraphed all over France and abroad.

The other day a postal card was sold for $50, because it had gone all round the world after the person to whom it was addressed, and bore 72 postmarks.

It was evident that means had been taken before and to cause it to be sent on through 72 post-offices. The original address and the supplemental ones were written in very small characters, and most of them in red ink, as if on purpose, so as not to take from the distinctness of the postmarks.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

AN INCIDENT.

R. S. WALTERS.

WE, students of Templeton College, had suddenly became possessed of a new mania, one which threatened to usurp the authority of the masters. We had by some means become stamp collectors one and all. How it started no one seemed to know. Nevertheless it came in full power, and exercised its sway to an almost unlimited extent. I had always been fortunate, and when I became a collector I seemed to be even more so. The source of supply was a limited one, for the majority of the boys depended on the letters of their parents and friends to secure their stamps. Here I had a great advantage. I had been a collector some two or three years previous, and when my interest again became aroused I started with a valuable bit of experience and no small amount of knowledge in regard to the value of stamps.

The Christmas holidays had arrived, and for various reasons myself and a few others were unable to go home. We nevertheless resolved to make the best of this somewhat unpleasant situation. Two stamp collectors besides myself had remained, and we unanimously resolved to devote our holidays to the pursuit of our hobby. Our pocket books, only too moderately filled, did not seem to promise us much assistance, and we decided to see who should be able to secure stamps of the greatest value at the least cost. The first few days were uneventful. We unearthed little of value. Christmas Eve arrived and with it an invitation from a neighboring nobleman to spend Xmas day with him. This unexpected event served to brighten my somewhat monotonous holidays. During the evening Lord Allenby (who by the by is a staunch supporter of our school) happened to speak of a decidedly unpleasant task which he had before him on the morrow. His father, to whose title he had just succeeded, had left on his death, an office full of old correspondence, as he always disliked burning his letters, and before the office could be used these piles of letters must be examined and the useless ones burned. What a jump my heart took! You can readily understand how quickly I proffered my help, and how very willingly it was accepted.

Xmas morn at length arrived. It was with me one of great anticipations. Would they be realized? At first it seemed as if nothing would be found, for during the first hour or two I came across nothing but the commoner class of English and colonial stamps. At last when I was about wishing I had never began the the job a change came! And what a change! I had evidently struck a gold mine. Before me lay such a host of rarities I could scarce contain myself. "Sydney views" by the dozen. Further search disclosed several Canada 10d, and what constituted the best part of my treasures, a Canada 12d. I also secured a number of the early issues of Mauritius—but no "Post Office", home W. S. Locals—but no New Havens! During the whole day I continued to unearth, one after another, some long desired stamp—mostly British Colonials, and it was only in the evening when I began to examine my treasure that I fully realized its value. I had *at least one day* in my life that I would always remember as a pleasant one; one day in which I struck an almost unparalled "find." Will I ever see such another day? I deemed it nothing but right I should tell Lord Allenby the value of the stamps, which I did. He however scorned the idea that they had any value, and told me if they had I was welcome to the proceeds.

The time to return to school came. I returned, but no one was the wiser regarding my fortunate acquisition. The best portion of the rarities went to my collection, which is now an object of envy to my friends. They all admire them, but no one knows how I obtained them, and to this day this important incident in my collecting career has never saw the light, and would not at this time, but that the "editor's prize" tempted me beyond bearing. Now in conclusion, the best of the stamps as I have said, remain in my collection to this day. The remainder, which owing to the shattered condition of my finances I had to part with, went to a large London firm, who paid me close on £200 for the six hundred odd stamps remaining. This little incident related above is strictly true, and to this day I look back on this as one of the most pleasant and lucky events of my life.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

PHILATELY'S ENCHANTMENTS.

I.—HISTORICAL.

BY A. R. E.

AN old subject under a new title; but the pleasures and beauties of stamp collecting have struck me somewhat differently to what I have ever seen them expressed or commented upon

How aptly we find the rise and fall of empires and republics represented by our stamps, and how singularly interesting it is to trace out these historical events. The little island of Cuba we find quietly residing under the yoke of Spain until when by a spirited revolution of very short duration, they endeavored to shake off the yoke of the mother country, but failed. The tale of this brief and unsuccessful revolution is told us by the Cuban stamps. The long array of general issues for the colony, then that one little stamp issued by the revolutionists, but never used, shows how rapid was the rise and fall of the revolutionary party. Then follows the ceaseless array of the colonial issues, as a symbol of the restoration of peace and order.

Then again, what a lasting reminder of the great American Civil War is furnished us by those stamps issued by the Confederate States of America, bearing the familiar profile of their first and only President, Jefferson Davis, and in examining the dates and years of issue we see clearly the short life of this republic and its cessation prior to the Union.

Other interesting historical references are very numerous. The alternate rise and fall of the French Empire and Republic as illustrated in the stamps of France. The Peruvian Revolution, as shown by those "despised and rejected" Peruvian surcharges, which we find so numerous. And the Mexico Santillio issue of 1864 clearly shows the failure of Maxamillian to reach the (prospective) Mexican throne, and how he became so sure of success as to issue these stamps, yet failed at the near completion of his ambitious scheme.

In no manner is the scope and sway of an empire so shown as by its colonial stamps. Take Great Britain in countries large and small, governed by her in all parts of the world, we find the profile of "our gracious Queen" as a sign of Britain's widespread authority and dominion. Not only Britain, but other great European powers:—France, Portugal, Spain and Denmark, and others such have in their colonial issues a fair illustration of the size and range of their dominions. Much can we learn by a careful study of the historical associations of these little attractive stamps so widely and eagerly sought after.

ODDITIES AND CURIOSITIES.

PERHAPS many collectors have what appear to be errors in the shade of a stamp in their collection, and thinks that his collection is very valuable on this account. He does not take into consideration that a stamp may be changed in color by means of acids, etc., and does not discover his mistake until he wishes to dispose of his collection, or until it is examined by an advanced philatelist.

Even if he suspects that a stamp is changed in color, he has no means of proof unless he submits the "suspect" to an expert. I give the following table taken from "Der Philatelist", showing what may be [illegible] making color varieties.

One can change—

Carmine and rose into	Brown, orange, yellow, grey.
Brick-red, orange and yellow into	Brown (rose), yellow, green, grey.
Green into	Brown, yellow, blue, violet, grey.
Blue into	Brown, orange, yellow, green, violet, black.
Ultramarine into...	Yellow, brown, grey.
Violet into.....	Rose, yellow, blue, green, grey.

I recently had sent me for inspection a U. S. 5c brown, 1890, which had been changed by acids to a silver grey. I have in my possession an U. S. 1868 5c. which has been changed from brown to a deep black.

What is believed to be a U. S. 30c of 1868 with a 13x16 mm. grille was at the 9th sale of R. F. Albrecht & Co. on Dec. 8th. Unfortunately the size of the grille is not exactly measurable, as it commences from the right side margin and extends into the stamp, covering a space 11x16 min. Until this the 3c was the only known stamp having a 13x16 grille.

Another rarity seldom met with is the U. S. 1888 officially sealed *unperforated*. These are valued at $10 each. Mr. Wilfred N. Mathews, of London, England, possessed an unsevered pair of these stamps, which were disposed of with the remainder of his collection at auction last March.

I noticed in an amateur magazine recently, an article, the writer of which claimed to have discovered a new variety of the U. S. 3c, 1851. It was described as having two fine lines running along one side and on the top of the stamp. It was simply caused by a border being engraved around the entire plate, and as this stamp was probably from one corner I fail to see its exceeding rarity.

A prominent philatelist, Mr. Alvah Davison, in an article notes: "In looking over a few hundred 3c 1857 the other evening, I came across one which is a curiosity, or really a die variety, the difference being readily seen when pointed to, but would easily be passed by one unaccustomed to a close examination. The stamp in question has the five lines on the sides which are found on nearly all specimens of the 3c 1857, but the line on the left side, after going down 8 min. is split, and while one part goes straight to the bottom, the other part diverges 1 min. and then continues to the bottom. It is a fine specimen, being cancelled with two penmarks, and I prize it as a rarity, as I believe it is". Now although it is desirable to catalogue every variety of a stamp, is this not getting it down to a pretty fine point? If such errors(?) are catalogued we would soon have a catalogue of 1000 pages; and without any further Seebeckism either.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

NOTES ON UNITED STATES STAMPS.

W. A. WITHROW.

NEARLY every collector of U. S. stamps I meet is continually bewailing the fact that there is little chance to buy a good rare stamp at a reasonable price. Now if these grumblers would, instead of spending their time in wishing they had lived thirty years ago, get up a little energy, buy themselves a good microscope and examine their stamps, comparing all of same values and noting every point of difference, they would be quite likely to find some-

[illegible] One can change [illegible]

Some will say "That's all true enough, but I haven't any *luck*". Now put a "p" before the last word and it would come very near the true state of affairs. Perhaps a little assistance would prove of value. Buy a good microscope (tripod) with two or three lenses. One of these can be purchased for about seventy-five cents. Then get a color chart (fifty cents), and millimetre scale and perforation gauge. These two combined cost thirty-five cents, and you have a good outfit for only one dollar and sixty cents.

Now let us take a few common stamps, say the 1c 1870 issue. Compare each stamp with your color chart and you will find many distinct shades—imperial ultramarine, indigo, dull indigo, ashy blue, ultramarine and perhaps one or two more, but these are the main varieties in shade. Look at the frame surrounding the stamp. There you will note the plain and fancy frame. Some of them may be embossed. Measure with your millimetre scale and the following sizes may be noted:—10½x12½ mm., 8½ x10½ mm.

We have now 11 varieties of this one stamp sufficiently distinct to catalogue as follows:—

1870, 1c imperial ultramarine, grilled, 10½x12½ mm.
1870, 1c imperial ultramarine, grilled, 8½x10½ mm.
1872, 1c imperial ultramarine, not grilled.
1873, 1c imperial ultramarine, plain frame, not grilled.
1873, 1c indigo.
1875, 1c dull indigo.
1882, 1c ashy blue, re-engraved.
1886, 1c ultramarine, re-engraved, (3 var).

There are 6 varieties of 1870 2c, 7 varieties of 1870 3c, 5 varieties of 1870 6c, and 9 varieties of 1870 10c. There are shades of the 1890 issue, particularly in the 2c. You can get 5 shades each of 1851 and 1861 3c for only 20c. Could a philatelist wish for "more fields to conquer."

I learn that the following values have been decided upon for the "Columbian" stamps: 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 15c, 50c, $1, $2, $4, $5. Wonder if Seebeck has any influence with Wannamaker and Hazen. (This does not apply to editor Florida Philatelist, but to Third Assistant Postmaster General.)

Many collectors seem to have just discovered that the 1861 3c pink is very rare since Scott catalogues it at $2 in his 53rd catalogue. This is for a used specimen, but I wonder if they have any? I have been fortunate in securing an extra fine used specimen, very lightly cancelled, and I would not care to sell it for $5. John N. Luff, of San Francisco, has a beautiful block of 12 unused, and about 20 or 30 more are known. I think they are not as rare unused as used.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

BY W. CULLEN BROWN.

OUR philatelic societies are by no means a totally neglected part of philately; still we have as yet tasted but little of their possible benefits, experienced little of their possible power, owing to the widely scattered condition of both societies and adherents. Concentration of force is power. Now one of the first requisites necessary to make our societies a paying investment to ourselves is a little more *United Effort*. I will explain what I would have you infer from the above: First, do not allow your energies to run to waste by being a member of a dozen and one different societies, each of which must necessarily occupy a portion of your attention, and, as a result, no great benefit is derived from any of them. I know many collectors who boast of being a member of every society, small and great, in existence, yet when approached as to the benefits of their wide connection their tongue failed them. Now to the collector who desires to profit by his membership I would advise to join not more than one or two societies. Join only the best, those firmly established, those whose departments (especially the exchange department) are in working order, and those whose officers are earnest, painstaking and efficient. Such a society is the American Philatelic Association. The Sons' of Philately and Western Philatelic Union are also good Societies, but their benefits are not to be compared with those of the A. P. A. Whatever society you belong to do not remain idle; use every opportunity that offers a chance to secure a new member; correspond all you can with fellow members; awaken them to the fact that they are a part of the association, that their help is needed in increasing the membership, influence and usefulness of the society; express your views clearly through the pages of the official organ, hints as to improvements, and facts regarding faults in the management of the society's affairs. Let every member put his or her hand to the wheel and assist; do not consider yourself an exception to the rule; do not think there are enough workers without you! there are not. Work.

It is not improbable that some of my readers are not society members. To the honest and earnest collector the society is an inseparable part. As an accepted member of a leading society, dealers and collectors will put more trust in you than they would otherwise do, The exchange department is unexcelled, both for disposing of and securing the better class of duplicates. Become a member of the leading society, and I can safely say you will be more than satisfied with the result.

A POST OFFICE VACANCY.

THE P. M. GOT TIRED SO HE LOCKED THE OFFICE UP.

Uncle Sam's postal service is so universal that when it is not slipping a cog in one place it is in another, but it seldom happens that a postmaster will wilfully close his office and let things smash. At Price, U., a postmaster who had tendered his resignation repeatedly, being unable to get a relief, purposely closed his office.

No doubt the department could not conceive the possibility of a government employe struggling to get out of a position that paid $600 a year. But this postmaster paid his clerk $75 a month and then had to give all his own time to the work, and having a fine trade to look after he got out of patience, and swore a great oath that the office could go to —— (a place where one would be unnecessary), and locked its doors against all comers.

Then went up a howl of rage and anguish. The office separated mail for a large military post some miles away, and telegrams were showered upon the War Department asking for authority to kill this civilian who had cut off their communication by mail.

When I reached Price 159 large sacks of mail were piled up in the depot, and the maddest men I ever faced were the soldier boys who were looking at them wistfully, but unable to open them and get at their long expected letters from the East.

I swore in a number of assistants, and we worked day and night upon the pile, and finally got the letters into their proper channels. Declining to help to hang the postmaster, as most of the people wanted to do, I laid the facts before the United States attorney, but there they rested.

Strangely enough, there is no law to punish the abandoning of a post-office, our legislatures having apparently thought such a contingency impossible.

Before I left town the postmaster came up to me, a shrewd, bright young Swede.

"What is this going to cost me, Mr. Inspector?" he said.

Having just finished the 159th sack of mail I said, "Fifty thousand dollars if I have the fixing of the sum, my friend."

He said that sum was too steep, but if it wasn't more than $500 or $1,000 he would rather pay it than neglect his trade any longer. It never did cost him a cent so far as I know in the way of penalties. —*New York Herald.*

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EDITORIAL.

No Need for Apology. It had been our intention to issue a 32-page Christmas number, containing 16 pp. of reading matter and 16 pp. of advertisements, but our printer was unable to issue a number of that size *on time*, owing to a large number of previous contracts. As a result, the only resource left for us was to issue a number of this size; and rather than disappoint our subscribers by failing to give them the amount of reading matter promised, we have left out six pages of advertisements in order to make room for the large amount of MSS. on hand, and to give our subscribers a suitable holiday issue. A large number of advertisements are necessarily left out, The publisher's advts. will reappear on next month's cover. We have an unusual amount of interesting matter for our next issue; don't miss it by any means!

Our Personal Column. This department was inaugurated recently, and is evidently appreciated by our readers. We wish it to be a glowing success, and at all times will be pleased to have our subscribers and patrons send us *short* personal items about themselves for publication, and in this way aid us in making this department an interesting feature. Let us hear from you.

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Various Matters. The Exchange Department is ready for everybody, and the rates very low compared with our regular adv. rates.—Collectors and dealers would confer a favor on the publishers by forwarding us the names of all their stamp collecting friends.—Our Approval Sheet Department is in active operation—see advertisement.—Cash must be sent with copy by advertisers unknown to us.—Subscriptions must begin with current issue: back numbers are very scarce, and can only be supplied at 10 cts. each—no discount.

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A Liberal Premium Offer. We are very anxious to add another thousand subscribers to our subscription list before the close of the present year. In order to do this, we offer the following inducement to all who subscribe before December 31st next: To any person who forwards us 25 cents for one year's subscription to this magazine, with 3 cents extra for postage and mailing, we will send any one of the following Premiums ABSOLUTELY FREE: 1000 of the best gummed hinges; 100 varieties of foreign stamps; 25 blank approval sheets, or 100 U.S. revenue stamps. It is to your interest to take advantage of this liberal premium offer. This paper alone is worth the price. The premiums are forwarded only when the extra postage is sent. Favor us with your subscription. Present subscribers wishing to take advantage of this offer may do so, having their subscription extended one year.

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Wants. A writer in the November *American Philatelist*, complains of the want of a first-class catalogue of U.S. proprietory stamps. He says: "Three distinct classes of stamps are unceremoniously grouped together under the misleading and vague title of 'match and medicine stamps.' He also goes on to complain of the careless manner in which these stamps are classified. We have never thought much of these stamps, which are *little more* than private labels; but we, notwithstanding, noticed the manner of cataloguing as extremely careless. Fruit, perfume and medicine stamps are listed under the head of medicine stamps.

To our English Patrons. This issue has an especially large circulation throughout Great Britain, and close upon one thousand copies are mailed to our English friends. None of them will mistake our object. We publish a first-class magazine at a *very* low price, and respectfully solicit the subscriptions of our English friends. Our subscription price is 1s. 6d. per year, post-free to any portion of Great Britain or Ireland. Remittances may be made in unused ½d. and 1d. stamps. Do not delay, but forward your subscription at once and insure our regular visits for a year. We desire to open business relations with English collectors, as we have unequalled facilities for supplying them *American* stamps at far cheaper rates than they can be obtained at home. We fill all orders by return of mail. Orders of 4s. or over must be sent by Post-office order. A trial order solicited.

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Rogers' Philatelic Blue Book. Mr. Albert R. Rogers, of 75 Maiden Lane, New York, has always been noted for the general excellence of his philatelic publications. His "Philatelic Blue Book," which appears in January, 1893, promises to excel anything of the kind in existence. It gives name and address, age, occupation, specialty, if any, number of varieties and a quantity of other information about some thousands of collectors. The book will be one of great usefulness to collectors and dealers, as you have only to turn to its pages to find all you desire to know about your correspondents. Dealers are also represented, a worthy feature being that the actual capital invested by every reliable dealer is given. Philatelic publications, past and present, are liberally dealt with, both in a financial and literary light. Mr. Rogers deserves great credit for his undertaking, as well as the support of collectors and dealers at large.

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Are you a Subscriber? If not, we would urge upon you the advantage of at once having your name placed on our books. Every subscriber who places his subscription in our hands has the assurance of 12 numbers, or his money refunded. Gradual and steady increase in both size and quality is our aim. To make the magazine attain a high standard of excellence is our determination. We have made and shall make every effort to secure the best and most interesting reading matter that can be procured. It will be to your interest to subscribe.

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Crockett's Third Sale. Mr. David B. Crockett, 28½ High street, Newark, N.J., holds his third sale, consisting of 162 lots, on Jan. 5th, 1893. A good lot of stamps are offered, considering the age of the sale.

Albrecht's Ninth Sale. A few of the prices realized at Albrecht's ninth sale may interest our readers. We append a few of the principal ones: U.S. 5 cent, brown, vertical strip of three, $12.60; U.S., 1868, 3 cent, "grilled all over," $10.20; U.S., 1870, 10 cent, grilled, $6.60; U.S. 30 cent, black, grilled, unused, $7.80; U.S. 90 cent, carmine, grilled, unused, $11.05; U.S., 1887, 30 cent, puce, brown, 34 in the lot, $7.14; Newspaper, 1865, 5 cent, blue, colored border, $8.05; Newspaper, 1865, 10 cent green and 25 cent vermilion, unused, $7.50; U.S. envelope, 1874, 3 cent, green, Die "C," fawn p., very rare, $25.00; France, 1850, 20 cent blue (error), used on part of envelope with receiving and delivering postmarks, $46.00; France, 1849, 1 franc, vermilion, unused, $22.00; Great Britain, 1882, 5 pounds, orange, used, $9.10; Trinidad, 1851, 1 p., violet on bluish paper, unused, $7.80; Bergedorf, 1861, 4 shillings, brown paper, used, $11.25; Mecklenburg-Schweren, 1864, 4-4s., rouletted, dotted ground, $12.25; Tuscany, 1851, 2 soldi, brick red, $12.00; Sicily, 1860, ½ t, blue, used, $19.55. The total amount of the sale was $1,300.00.

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Our Retail List. We would call the attention of our customers to the fact that our Third Annual Retail List has just been issued, and it is larger, cheaper and better than ever before. Every collector and dealer should possess a copy. To those who have not yet received it, we shall be pleased to forward it, *post free* on application.

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An Inducement to Purchasers. The publishers of this magazine offer to every collector, who is not already a subscriber to this paper, purchasing goods to the amount of $1.00 or over from their price lists herein, this paper for *six months* FREE. This inducement remains open from October 25th to Decembsr 31st, and is only open to non-subscribers.

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December Auctions. The sales during the early part of this month were as follows: J. W. Scott Co., N.Y., Dec. 6; R. F. Albrecht & Co., N.Y., on Dec. 8; Scott Stamp and Coin Co., N.Y., on Dec. 13 and 14; S. B. Bradt Co., Chicago, Dec. 14; W. Selleschopp & Co., San Francisco, Cal.

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PERSONALS.

Mr. O. E. Klapp, of St. Paris, Ohio, is a printer by trade. He possesses a collection of about 2,000 varieties, mostly U.S.

Mr. J. E. Handshaw, the well-known dealer of Smithtown Branch, N.Y., runs a large stationery store in that town.

Mr. H. J. Wright, a leading collector of Toronto, Ont., is a leading barrister of that city.

Mr. Roy F. Green, of the *Eagle Philatelist*, has just recovered from a long illness, and the publication of the magazine, which was suspended during his illness, will be at once resumed. Glad you are better, Roy !

Mr. Fr. Gottorff, one of the oldest collectors of Hamilton, runs a large marble and monument works on York street, in that city.

We had the pleasure of a call from Mr. A. M. Scott, a prominent collector and druggist of Woodstock, a few days since.

Capt. E. F. Wurtele, of Quebec, is treasurer of the Q.M. and C. Ry. He possesses a collection of about 7,000 varieties.

Mr. W. C. Benson, one of our advertisers, attends the High School in this city.

Mr. O. L. Schmidt, of Harriston, Ont., is a teacher in the Hamilton High School.

Mr. W. Corbman, of Port Severn, Ont., is a boat-builder by trade.

Mr. R. F. Maddigan, of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, is a grocer and stationer of that city.

Mr. George C. Harvey, of Constantine, Mich., is assistant cashier in the First National Bank of Constantine.

Mr. E. Y. Parker, one of the leading philatelists of Toronto, is at present spending two weeks among the Montreal collectors.

Mr. Morten Webb, late of Petrolea, has removed to Montreal, where he will permanently reside.

Mr. Lionel E. Widder, of Goderich, Ont., has removed to London.

Mr. H. A. Kreis, a collector of Cardington, Ohio, is dead.

Mr. L. S. Morton, who writes New York and Brooklyn notes for *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, is a medical student.

Mr. W. L. Scott, late of Kagoshima, Japan, has removed to Mobile, Alabama. Mr. Scott is probably the largest dealer in Japanese stamps in the world.

Mr. C. W. Grevning, of New York, late of the firm of Albrecht & Co., has left the above firm, and is now with H. Gremmel.

The publisher of the *San Marino Philatelist* informs us in the last issue of his paper that he is on his honeymoon trip !

FROM OVER THE BORDER.

Mr. Loney A. Roth, of Boulder, Colorado, informs me that he will issue *The Rocky Mountain Philatelist* on January 1st, 1893. I am afraid another publisher will find the sea of journalism not as smooth as it looks, but a trifle "rocky."

Mr. W. F. Bishop, of La Grange, Ill., is hard at work on his new album, "The Columbian." He is giving it very extensive advertising, and from what I have heard I judge it will be a success. One of the strong points in its favor is, that (it is claimed) you cannot misplace a stamp with this album. The publisher says it is the album of the future, but it takes some skill to prepare an album that will excel Scott's International.

"Another miserable sheet, the *Massachusetts Philatelist*, is announced (by the *Philatelic Era*) to appear on Jan. 1st." I don't know why the editor of the *Era* called it a miserable sheet ; surely he does not think it will prove a rival !

Mr. Deats, of Flemington, N.J., has purchased the large stock of philatelic literature held by the Western Philatelic Publishing Co. of Chicago. Close on 50,000 pieces were included in the deal, many being very rare. The company also transferred to Mr. Deats all of their copyright, with plates, etc. This is one of the largest deals in philatelic literature at present on record.

Another supposed fraud has turned up in Buffalo: A. J. Merlin, 13 Church street. The Post-office Inspector is trying to locate him. There is no such number in Church street, Buffalo.

The third Assistant Postmaster-General is still persistent in his determination to crush all papers who have the misfortune to be smaller than their contemporaries. The *Postal Card* is one of the latest "victims."

The membership of the Sons of Philately is now about 600. Another large list of applications was published last month. Will their rapid advance continue ?

The Monthly Visitor, a philatelic magazine, has changed hands, and the new publisher will continue it as an amateur journal, with a philatelic department. The unexpired subscriptions will be filled by the *Nebraska Stamp*.

It is said that the United States Postmaster-General receives more mail matter than any one person in the United States.

The new Reply Card is having a very extensive use. I find that collectors cut them in two and use them in preference to the common cards. By the way, have you ever noticed the small quantities of small cards that are used ?

The long-dead alive ! Have you heard the latest ? Herbert C. Beardsley, in partnership with Mr. A. Swanbeck, will resurrect his *Western Philatelist* on January 1st. This is news, and welcome at that.

More anon. A. Jax.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

W. J. B., Norfold, Neb.: Yours received. We cannot accept unused postage dues stamps in payment.

A. W. STAFFORD, Los Angeles, Cal.: Your F. F. Law Stamp of Canada, will be found catalogued in "The Stamps of British North Acerica", No.s 531 to 554 inclusive. These were listed "C. F." instead of "F. F." by a mistake.

GEO. C. HARVEY, Constantine, Mich.: The variety of the 5c., '59, you mention is by no means rare. It will be duly described in my paper on "Canadian Omissions", began in this issue. It is probably due to a worn state of the plates.

R. S.: Should be pleased to receive and inspect the Canadian Local you mention. We know *nothing* about it.

C. A. S., City of Mexico: (1.) Your Lacatecas is a forgery. Both the Guadalajards are genuine. (2.) We have never heard of the stamp. Its origin must be spurious. We returned your stamps on Dec. 6th.

R. BOYNE, London, E. C.: We are not in want of a London Correspondent at present, as we have one.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Nov. 24th, 1892.

EDITOR CANADIAN PHILATELIST:—

DEAR SIR,—I received your book "The Stamps of B. N. A." and it was just the book I have been looking for some time. I noticed in reference to the "Nova Scotia Bill Stamps" you state that all those stamps were surcharged at the top except the $1, $2 and $3. Now I possess a number of those stamps, among the rest, two of the $2 surcharged at the "top". I also have a number of the smaller values, which are surcharged at the "bottom". This is just the reverse of what you state, and I send you this information as it may be some use to you.

Yours truly, R. F. MADDIGAN.

A NEW SOCIETY!

To the Philatelic World:—Through the kindness of the editor of this paper, we the undersigned, are enabled to direct your attention to a proposed movement.

We are fully aware that there are many Philatelic Societies in existence, but this one is mainly for a different purpose. This society, when organized, will eclipse all other organizations of its kind. It will give all the advantages and advancements which all other societies claim to give, thus giving combined inducements. Besides this, we intend to give FRAUDS our MAIN and UNDIVIDED attention.

Our plan is outlined in the following: To have an officer in our society whose sole duty it will be to secure the names of the frauds who are in debt to the society's members; to publish their names in all the Philatelic papers; to confer with the post office authorities; to appoint a member of the society in the city where the fraud resides, if there be one, or to take other decisive steps for the recovery of the loss. This is about the only way in which the pest of a dealer's life—THE FRAUD—can be exterminated.

Another department, which we think is essential to a collector or a dealer, is that for repairing and cleaning stamps at a small per cent. of their catalogue value. At the head of this we intend to have a competent person. Let us hear from all live collectors and dealers, and we are sure that if such a society be formed on good and sound business principles, together upon the platforms of all other societies which are considered a success, it will be something never yet undertaken, and of value to all.

Address,

LEWIS M. LANG, 752 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md., or WALTER A. WITHROW, Box 15, Earl Park, Ind., both members of S. of P. and A. P. A.

From our Special London Correspondent.

FROM THE CONTINENT.

A. J. RINNERS.

"New German postage stamps is to be the next undertaking of the German postal authorities. The stamps on which the engravers are now at work will be out by October the 15th, and distinguished from the old ones in form, being six-cornered in appearance, and have the model of the statue Germania. The old international colors are used again, and add to the value which they always had. The cause of the new issue is that there were many forgeries of late issues discovered by the postal authorities, and they now want to make it difficult for the forgers to imitate the design."

The auction season is now in full blast here in Great Britain. Mr. Hadlow held a large sale on October 14th and 15th, the prices realized being good, a number of Scinde Dawks being sold. Messrs. Cherley & Co held a sale on 10th, 11th and 12th Nov. Some very fine lots were sold. A New Brunswick "Connel," unused, but perforations gone at bottom and at one side, brought £9 16s., about $48. The choicest part of the sale was composed of old British Colonials, which brought good prices. The bidding was brisk.

A new kind of specialism is in vogue here—not the kind that does collect the stamps of a certain country, but the kind that leaves out some places, and collects all others.

The Argentine stamps issued on the 12 h of Oct., in memory of Columbus, are selling at £4 the pair here. They promise to be rare.

The hosts of San Francisco exchanges are said to be due to the efforts of a local speculator, probably the publisher of the *San Marino Philatelist*, who seems to control them.

Mr. Harry Hilche's book on reprints is just out, and he is to be congratulated on the successful completion of one of the most successful and useful philatelic works in existence. He was assisted in its preparation by Major la. B. Evans and other prominent philatelists.

The world has its "dissatisfied *personages*" in every class, and of course the Paris Exhibition or no Exhibition was not an exception. We are now trying to secure another large London Philatelic Exhibition. If successful in our attempts, it shall excel all previous efforts.

Society Items.

[We desire the Secretaries of all Societies to send us *brief* reports of their meetings each month, and such will be published free, and we trust that Societies will not be slow in taking advantage of this privilege.]

Now we have talk of forming a new Canadian Society. We are not at all in sympathy with the movement. Better support the two we have.

A certain Canadian paper which failed to secure the Official Organship of the P. S. of C. is now venting its spite against the Society. The Society would be better rid of such valued (?) additions to their ranks.

The fourth annual convention of "Germanic", New York, the German-American Philatelic Association will be held in their club room in the City of New York, on Jan. 15, 1893. Canadian, Mexican and U. S. members who are unable to attend may send their proxies to any New York member. Our other foreign members have been notified by circular. Fr. Phillips, International Secretary.

THE A. P. A.—The report of the Secretary for December shows 22 new members and 9 applications. Mr. H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N J., has been appointed Librarian. He is undoubtedly the right man in the right place. The Society's collecting department, in charge of J. Arthur Wainwright, promises to be more than ordinary. Geo. N. Campbell, M. D., who has charge of the Library Exchange, is endeavoring to form circuits. By the way, the American Philatelist is more interesting than usual, and Editor Stone proposes to devote the whole January issue to the stamps of Canada, which should make it unusually interesting. Up to date five cities have claimed a *resident* Vice-President: Chicago, Ill.; Allegheny, Pa.; San Francisco, Cal.; St. Louis, Mo.; and New York City. Still there's more to follow.

THE GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB.—The 24th meeting was held October 19, with President Schneider in the chair, the following members being present: Bailey, Brodie, Wilcox, MacLaren, Crowell, Putz, and C. N. and N. P. Stockwell and two visitors. The resignation of Mr. McLaren as Exchange Superintendent was received with much regret. The Chair appointed Mr. Brodie to fill the vacant office during the term. Our Exchange Superintendent's report shows that the club has a first-class and growing exchange department. The applications of Messrs C. B. Duffy, of Columbus, Secretary of the Ohio Philatelic Association, and Geo. T. Street and J. J. Overton, of this city, were referred to the Committee on Membership, and the rules being suspended, they were elected members No. 28, 29 and 30 of the club. As a meeting of the A. P. A members of Cleveland and vicinity had also been called for this evening, nominations were in order for a resident Vice-President of the A. P. A. The Chair nominated Mr. G. J. Bailey, and he was unanimously elected, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. An informal auction sale was held, as usual, after which the meeting adjourned. The 25th meeting was held November 16, with President Schneider in the chair, the following members being present: Bailey, McLaren, Putz, Wilcox, Overton, Street, Kress and C. N. and N. P. Stockwell. A letter from the Exchange Superintendent was read, stating that he had already started two new exchange books and asked all members to furnish more filled sheets at once. A membership card was talked of, having a specimen of the 5c blue (Garfield) in one corner, and a 90c. carmine (Perry) in the other. There being no special business to come before club, after transacting some minor business, the usual recess was taken and the auction held. After which the members present examined Mr. MacLaren's collection before adjourning.

LONDON PHILATELIC CLUB.

A meeting of the stamp collectors of London, for the purpose of organizing a society, was held on Thursday, 22nd inst., at 8 p.m., in the Y. W. C. T. U. parlors, the best fitted and most centrally situated rooms in the city. Quite a large number of collectors were present, including Messrs. Liddicoatt, Staebler, Bernstein, Dickson, Bartram, Bailey, Stockwell, Benson, Colgrove, L. B. and W. Boyd, McMartin and others. Sharp at 8 p.m. Mr. W. H. Liddicoatt and Mr. H. S. Dickson were unanimously elected chairman and secretary *pro tem* respectively. After a few remarks on the necessity of organizing a club, by the Chairman, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Staebler and Mr. Bernstein, the business was proceeded with. The name was next chosen to be the "London Philatelic Club." The election of officers was then proceeded with, with the following results:—President, W. H. Liddicoatt; Vice-President, L. M. Staebler; Secretary-Treasurer, H. S. Dickson; Exchange and Auction Manager, J. Bernstein, jr.; Librarian, W. H. Stockwell; and an Executive composed of all the officers. After minor discussions, taken part chiefly by Messrs. Bernstein and Staebler, it was agreed to hold meetings semi-monthly, 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings. The dues were fixed at $1.20 per year and an initiation fee. A committee comprising the Executive were appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws before the next meeting. Messrs. Bailey, Staebler and Bernstein were appointed a committee to arrange for some subject for discussion for the next meeting. The Secretary was instructed to send notes of meetings to all the leading journals. A resolution was then moved by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Dickson, that the Club extend their heartfelt sympathy with the members, Messrs. L. B. and W. Boyd, on their late affliction in the death of their father, the Rev. Mr. Geo. Boyd. This was unanimously carried. Before the close a vote of thanks was extended to President Liddicoatt and the other officers. The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1893, and a rousing meeting is expected. All are welcome.

H. S. DICKSON, *Sec.-Treas.*

STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(BRANCH OF THE A. P. A.)

Meetings held the *third Friday* of each month, at 8 o'clock, p.m., at Loescher's Hotel, No. 136 Canal street, Stapleton, S. I., N. Y. President, August Dejonge; Secretary, F. C. Vehslage. For information, address the Secretary, box 86, Tompkinsville, N. Y. Communications relating to exchange department, address R. F. Albrecht, box 245 Tompkinsville, N. Y. Communications relating to examination of stamps department, address Henry Clotz, P. O. box 3489, New York City.

117TH REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 18TH, 1892.

The meeting was called to order by the President, with the following members present : Messrs. Aug. Dejonge, Hy. Clotz, R. F. Albrecht, H. Obert, R. H. Benary and A. Leinhardt. Minutes of the 116th regular meeting were adopted as read. R. F. Albrecht proposed E. H. Remington, of Brocton, Mass. Albert R. Rogers proposed Bruce V. Jenkins, of Baltimore, Md., which were referred to the Executive Committee. Mr. Clotz reported that our application to admit our members in the A. P. A. under conditions stated at our special meeting, has been refused, we not being recognized as a National Society. Resignations of Mrs. Lizzie Benary, Messrs. Hugo S. Mack, Millard F. Walton and C. H. Mekeel were accepted, with regret. Letter from Dr. Hy. F. Koester was read, and, on motion, the Secretary is to answer the same, inform the Doctor that his wish to resign was only expressed after he had been elected, and under the circumstances the society considered themselves entitled to dues. Price lists were received from J. H. Schloss and H. F. Zacca, and also the beautiful catalogue of envelopes and wrappers of the United States by Joseph Rechert, which was accepted with thanks. Mr. C. Wytt presents the Society with the blue 5 bani error of Roumania (counterfeit), which was accepted with thanks and placed in the counterfeit album. Meeting adjourned at 9:30. Next regular meeting will be held Friday, December 16.

H. R. BENARY, Secretary *pro tem.*

COLUMBUS POST CARDS.

[From the POSTAL CARD.]

I.

WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

EXHIBITS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 27, 1892.

MR. ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 North Gilmor St., Baltimore, Md.

SIR : Your communication of the 22nd inst. has been received. It is as yet uncertain whether the Department will issue a postal card commemorative of the discovery of America by Columbus ; but the matter is under consideration.

Yours very respectfully,

MADISON DAVIS,
Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General.

II.

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE EXHIBIT,
WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 2, 1892.

MR. ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
922 North Gilmor St., Baltimore, Md.

SIR : Your letter of the 31st ult. has been received. In reply I beg leave to say that the Department does not contemplate the issue of a postal card commemorative of the discovery of America by Columbus. The likelihood is that no such card will be issued.

Yours respectfully,

A. D. HAZEN,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

LOCAL HITS.

It is a fact, strange but true, that although London has been one of the most prominent cities in a philatelic line in Canada, it has supported no local society. Collectors have awakened to the fact that that in this respect they are behind the times.

A local committee has been actively engaged in organizing a local society for some time since. It is expected that an inaugural meeting will be held on or about Friday, Dec. 23rd. We trust it will be brought to a successful issue, as its need is greatly felt here.

The publishers of the *Philatelic Journal of Canada* inform us that they will issue no December No. Reasons various.

The partnership existing between Messrs. Dickson and Bernstein, in the Star Stamp Co., has been dissolved. Mr. Dickson retires, and Mr. Bernstein continues under the old name.

Mr. Atwell Fleming, business manager of the *Advertiser*, has been exceedingly lucky lately, having struck several dozen small finds !

A city dealer recently found a large number of Canada 10 pence blue on the original envelopes.—Finds of this nature do not occur daily.

Stamp Companies seem on the boom here !—Whether their business is in a like state, we cannot say, but it is—?—

London is to have another new paper in the new year, published in Spanish, French and German. It will be devoted to the interests of dealers and collectors desiring foreign correspondence, and it will be a success, as everything else from the Forest City is. Particulars later.

As it stands now, London lacks but one thing in a Philatelic line, and that is a Philatelic Club, and the day is *not far* distant when we shall have that.

BEATS THE WORLD AGAIN.

CHICAGO POST OFFICE DID A BRISK BUSINESS DURING DEDICATION.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—A quarter of a million of Chicago citizens sent newspapers with full accounts of the dedicatory fete to their distant friends.

Every letter box in town has been stacked up with papers, and bushels of stamped copies have been dumped on the sidewalk under mail boxes a dozen times a day.

Saturday 200,000 separate parcels of newspapers were received at the post-office.

Friday the pressure was as great. Thursday a trifle lighter. and about the same Sunday.

Altogether the post-office disposed of more mail matter in the three days of the dedication than was ever handled before in an equal period of time by any office in the world.

CHICAGO ITEMS.

We may soon expect to hear from the Philatelic Committee appointed to secure space at the World's Columbian Exposition. The committee are awaiting a reply from Gen. Hazen.

A recent number of the Chicago *Tribune* contained an item to the effect that Postmaster-General Wannamaker had sent an order to the American Bank Note Company for 3,000,000,000. It is said that the 3 cent denomination is to be like the 15 cent of the 1869 issue—high violet in color, and the size of the present special delivery stamp.

Mr. C. D. Reimers, of this city, having failed to secure second-class rates for his *Western Philatelist*, discontinued its publication some time since. He has now gone into partnership with Roy F. Green, in the publication of the *Eagle Philatelist*. Consolidation seems to be fashionable with publishers unsuccessful in securing second-class mailing rates.

Another large incorporated stock company has been formed in this city for the purpose of dealing exclusively in stamps. The Chicago Stamp Company has just been incorporated under the State Laws of Illinois for $12,500. The officers of the company are as follows: M. A. Thompson, President; J. A. Pierce, Vice-President; S. D. Thompson, Sec. Treas. Bank of Nova Scotia, Bankers. The principals of the company are well known here, and it promises to be a success. It is not improbable that this firm will publish a new philatelic journal.

Mr. S. G. Stein, one of Muscatine's leading collectors, was in town a few days since.

Chicago is all activity in the philatelic line at present. Next year it will be even more so.

—COLUMBIA.

IN THE POSTBOY'S DAY.

HOW OUR GRANDFATHERS GOT THEIR LETTERS—MAIL SERVICE BEFORE THE DAYS OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

Perhaps a little chat about the methods and difficulties of conveying letters in bygone days may help you to realize and appreciate the advantages of the present.

We will not go further back than the latter part of the 17th century—about 200 years ago. And we will imagine ourselves in England.

There were no steamboats and steam cars to carry travellers to near or distant parts of the country at that time. And as people stayed at home so generally, there was not near so much letter-writing as now.

We go on frequent journeys, and want to let our dear ones know where we are, what we are doing and how we are faring. Besides, there were not many post-offices outside of the cities and large towns, and it was only to important places in the vicinity of London that the mail was sent as often as once a day, and towns at some distance had their letters and newspapers but once a week.

To remote country places, villages, gentlemen's country residences and farms, especially during the winter, when the public and private roads were very bad, the mails were very uncertain, being often a fortnight and sometimes an entire month apart.

At that time the bags containing the letters were were all carried by horsemen, the mail-carrier jogging along by night and day at the rate of about five miles an hour—in good weather, and in summer time, for the highways were usually in a very bad condition, so that fast driving was not possible.

The postman often ran the risk of being stopped and plundered by mounted highwaymen, at that time a terror to travellers by horseback or coach. They seemed to be on a sharp lookout for any valuables in money, paper, or otherwise that might be sent in the post bags.

They rode the fastest and finest horses, were bold and daring; and when the postman found himself in a lonely road or crossing a dark moor late at night, you may be sure he urged his weary horse forward and joyfully welcomed the first ray of light that shone from the lantern swinging to the sign of the roadside inn.

Hunslow Heath, Finchley Common and Gadshill, in the neighborhood of London, were celebrated haunts of the highway man, and the secluded roads of Epping Forest, on the route to Cambridge, were often the scenes of plunder in broad daylight.

These desperate robbers at last became so dangerous and the perils of their attacks so serious to travellers of all kinds, as well as to postmen, that the government passed a law making highway robbery an offence punishable by the death of the criminal and the confiscation of all his property. But robberies still occurred.

In 1783, mail coaches protected by armed guards took the place of postboys. The coaches carried passengers also, and, as these generally carried arms, the mails were better protected; but still, daring and oftentimes successful attempts were made upon them.

Before the use of postage stamps various sums were paid for the delivery of letters. The amounts were regulated by the distance, and were collected on the delivery of the letter.

In the early part of this century the postage on a single sheet of paper was eight cents, and over 40 miles the rate was increased; so that over 500 miles a single sheet was 25 cents.

But after a time these rates were gradually reduced, until in 1845 a letter weighing not over half an ounce was five cents under 300 miles, and over that distance 10 cents.

Sir Rowland Hill, who was at the head of the Post-Office Department of England at this time, introduced the use of postage stamps in 1840, and also lessened the charge for postage. In 1847 the United States adopted the use of the postage stamps, the lowest-priced one being five cents.

But railways and steamboats had now taken place of the old-fashioned mail coaches and postboys; and with the more rapid sending of the mails, the cheaper rates of postage, and the growing population of the country, gradual changes and improvements took place in the post-office system.

And here we are, in 1892, receiving our letters from the Pacific coast in six days—also from England in the same time; and a few days or hours will place us in direct communication with our friends and correspondents in almost every part of the country.

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

The report of the superintendent of the dead letter office shows a decrease of 48,480 pieces of mail matter, or nearly one per cent., in the number received during the fiscal year of 1891, notwithstanding the postal business of the country has increased nearly eight per cent. the past year, while there was an increase of over seventeen per cent. in unaddressed letters alone. There was an increase of two hundred and thirty-one thousand letters returned to writers.

The greatest stamp collectors in the world are Phillippe Ferrari, son of the late Duchesse de Galliera, and the Czar, whose collection is said to be worth $600,000.

The annual sale of English postal cards is about 230,000,000.

It is calculated that during the last twelve months the people of this country have individually and severally put their tongues out over 1,968,341,000 times to moisten the postage stamps for the billions of letters and millions of newspapers, periodicals and parcels that are carried and delivered by the Government. And yet forty-five years ago there wasn't a postage stamp in the United States.

"Uncle Sam" is going to give city people a house letter-box that will make letter-writing easier than ever. But country people will still find social distinction and delight in the giddy excitement of going to the post-office.

Alexander Dumas, pere, used to receive a great number of anonymous letters, but he preferred them to the other kind, as they needed no answers.

There is a prospect that the midnight trains between New York and Boston may have their time quickened by half an hour, so as to facilitate the progress of the mails they carry.

The subjects of Great Britain are the most tremendous patent medicine swallowers on the globe. During the past year the revenue derived from the three-half-penny stamp upon patent medicines amounted to $1,200,000. Licenses for the sale of patent medicines have increased 1,340 in England and 111 in Scotland.

A good story is told in Germany of a letter which was returned to the general post-office with these words written by the postman on the envelope: "The addressee has hanged himself; present address unknown."

WHY HE BOUGHT NO STAMPS.

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THE MONTREAL WITNESS.

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6 Barbadoes	.12	*7 Monaco	.10
4 Bavaria, figure	.03	*2 Montenegro	.08
7 Bavaria, 1870	.20	*3 Naples	.10
7 Belgium, p. packet	.10	†5 Newfoundland	.08
3 Bermuda	.06	3 New Zealand	.02
10 Bolivar	.60	3 N. Zeal'd, 4d, 6d, 1sh	.07
4 Bosnia	.08	3 Nicaragua, 1881	.05
2 Br. Guiana	.01	4 Nicaragua, '69-'78	.20
5 Br. Guiana	.08	*10 Nicaragua, 1890	.40
*4 Br. No. Borneo	.18	*5 Nicaragua, env	.20
2 Brazil, figure	.06	*3 Nicaragua, wrap	.10
12 Brazil	.15	10 New South Wales	.20
6 Bulgaria	.10	8 New South Wales official	.15
12 Canada	.15	10 Norway	.06
4 Cape of Good Hope	.03	4 Orange States	.06
5 Ceylon	.05	2 Paraguay	.08
6 Chili	.06	5 Persia	.15
*3 Constantinople	.05	7 Peru	.12
4 Costa Rica	.06	*2 Phillipine Islands	.03
10 Costa Rica	.20	*5 Porto Rico	.05
10 Cuba	.10	†12 Porto Rico	.10
20 Cuba	.25	9 Portugal	.08
3 Danish W. Indies	.05	2 Queensland	.01
*8 Dan. St. Nav. Co., 1866-71	.40	4 Queensland	.08
13 Denmark	.10	10 Roumania	.08
3 Dominican Rep	.06	3 Roumania, unpaid	.06
6 Dutch Indies	.05	15 Russia	.10
4 Eastern Roumelia	.10	5 Russia Levant	.10
6 Ecuador	.12	6 Salvador	.10
5 Ecuador, rev. used postally	.75	*9 Salvador, 1890	.35
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2 Fiji Island	06	7 Salvador, env	.30
6 Finland	.05	4 Salvador, map	.15
15 France	.05	*5 Servia, 1869	.05
6 French Colonies	.10	6 Servia, '81, comp	.20
*2 Gambia	.08	3 Siam	.15
7 German Empire	.02	2 Sierra Leone	.05
2 Gold Coast	.06	5 S. Africa, Rep., 1870, unperforated	.25
4 Great Britain, 2s. 6d, 5s, 10s, £1	1.00	5 S. Africa, Rep ,'70, roul	.25
6 Great Britain, jubilee	.05	5 S Africa, Rep., 1883	.25
10 Greece	.10	5 S. Africa, Rep., '83,'87	10
5 Greece, unpaid	.15	3 S. Australia	.02
6 Guatemala	.10	20 Spain	.10
*2 Guatemala, env	.15	50 Spain	.50
*7 Hamburg	.07	2 Straits	.02
*21 Heligoland	.30	10 Sweden, 1872-78	.05
8 Hong Kong	.05	11 Sweden, official	.15
4 Honduras	.06	*6 Sweden, surch	.50
*7 Honduras, 1878, comp.	.35	7 Sweden, 1858-66	.15
*11 Honduras, 1890	.45	10 Sweden, unpaid	.15
*11 Honduras, '90, of	.20	12 Switzerland	.05
3 Holland, unpaid	.05	*5 Switzerland, '62-7	.04
8 Hungary	.04	2 Tasmania	.01
8 Hungary, 1888	.15	4 Trinidad	.10
10 Iceland	.40	12 Turkey	.10
10 India	.08	8 U. S. Columbia	.12
15 Italy	.05	30 U.S. adhesives	.20
6 Italy, packet post, surcharged 2	.10	20 U.S envelopes	.15
6 Italy, 2c surcharged	.05	15 U.S. Departments	.20
6 Italy, Segnetassa	.05	15 U.S Revenues	.10
3 Italy, packet post	06	4 Uruguay	.08
7 Jamaica	.08	5 Venezuela	05
15 Japan	.15	7 Victoria	.05
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Mexico, 1864, 4 varieties	0 21	0 08
" 1872, 6 cents, green	0 25	0 15
" 1882, 5 and 10 cents, both	0 10	0 05
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" 3c. " 2 " "	03	20	75
" 3c. " 3 " "	2 00	—	—
" 3c. " 4 " "	75	—	—
†Bolivia, 1867, 5c	08	50	—
" 1876, 10c	03	20	—
" 1876, 20c	05	30	1 30
Brazil, 1887, 500 var	07	55	—
" 1888, 700 var	50	—	—
" —, 1000 var	20	1 70	—
" 1891, 1000 var	20	1 50	—
†Columbia, 1892, 50c	65	—	—
" 1892, 1 peso	1 25	—	—
" 1892, 10c. register	15	1 25	—
" 1892, 2½c. retardo	06	35	1 50
Columbia Insured Letter Stamps:			
1890, 30c. blue	30	—	—
" 40c. blue	40	—	—
" 60c. blue	60	—	—
" 70c. blue	70	—	—
" 90c. blue	90	—	—
†1892, 10c	15	1 00	—
† " 20c	25	2 00	—
†Costa Rica, 1892, 1c	02	15	—
† " 1892, 2c	04	30	—
† " 1889, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 official in sets	90	7 00	—
Cuba, finely mixed	—	—	20
†Curacao, 1889, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5	15	00	—
" 1891, 25 on 30c	50	—	—
" Unpaid, 1889, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25,			
" 30, 40, 50, sets of 9	2 00	—	—
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†1881, 1, 2, 10, 50c, and 1887, 1 and 2c, 7 var.	25	1 50	6 00
†1872, 1 peso	15	0 75	2 50
†1887, 80c.	20	1 00	3 75
†1881, 1c	—	—	0 75
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Hayti, 1883, 20c	12	85	—
" 1887, 90c. 5 var	30	—	—
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" Finely mixed	—	—	80
†Mexico, 1864, sets of 4	10	70	3 00
" 1868, 6c	08	40	1 50
" 12c	04	20	—
† " 1874, sets of 5	30	1 75	—
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" 1891, sets of 7	20	—	—
New Brunswick, 1860, 1c	09	60	2 50
" " 10c	30	—	—
" " 17c	25	1 50	—
" 1863, 2c	07	60	—
†Netherlands, 1852, 5c	04	30	1 25
" — 10c	03	20	90
Newfoundland, 1866, 13c	50	—	—
New South Wales, 1888-91, sets of 5	06	35	1 50
" 1888-92, sets of 7	12	80	3 50
† " 1892, 3d. w. 10	40	—	—
Nicaragua, sets of 66	2 00	18 00	—
Nova Scotia, 1851, 3d	90	—	—
Peru, 1886, sets of 5	69	70	2 75
" 1886, 50c. and $1.00	25	—	—
† " 1875, env., 2 var	06	40	1 50
Puerto Rico, 1882, 13 var	20	1 60	—
" 1890-91, 18 var	25	—	—
Queensland, 1891, ½d	02	15	50
" 1891, 2½d	03	20	75
† " 1892, 3d	11	—	—
†Salvador, set of 19 var	75	—	—
† " 1891, sets of 10 var	50	—	—
† " 1891, 1c. on 2c	08	50	1 50
Straits Settlements, 1887, 32c. C.A	10	75	—
" " well mixed	—	—	45
" " 1883, 8c. C.A	03	20	75
† " " 1892, 1c. on 2c	06	45	2 00
Uruguay, 1892, 1, 2, 5, sets of 3	07	—	—
" sets of 6	15	1 00	—
Victoria, 1887, 4d	04	30	—
" 1891, 1d. pink p	06	40	1 50
" 1891, 2½d	02	15	50
" 5d	04	25	1 00
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Pr. Edward Island, 2d, rose, scarce	$ 20
British Columbia, 1868, 2c, brown	50
Native Indian States, 10 varieties	25
" " " 20 "	60
" " " 50 "	50
Puttialla State, 3 fine varieties	06
*Salvador, 1891, 10 varieties complete	35
*U. S. Interior, 1c and 2c, scarce	15
Spain, 50 fine varieties	50
U. S., 1857, 1c, blue	09
Azores, 3 choice varieties	05
U. S., 1847, 5c and 10c, fine	**2 60**
Argentine Republic, 12 varieties	10
Australia, 10 varieties	05
Bosnia, 7 varieties, complete	20
British Guiana, 4 varieties	05
Bulgaria, 9 fine varieties	10
" 5 " "	05
" unpaid, 1886, 5s and 25s	12
" " 1887, 5s and 25s	12
Bolivia, 1881, 4 varieties, complete, cheap	07
Brazil, 6 choice varieties, various issues	05
Belgium Postal Packet, 8 varieties	10
*Saxony, 1863, 5 varieties	10
British Columbia, 3d, blue, scarce	50
" " 1861, 2½d, pink, perf	1 40
" " 1865, 10c, blue, unsevered pair	2 75
*Cuba, 1890, ½ to 8 mil, 6 varieties	10
* " 1892, " " " " "	10
*Canada, Registration, 8c, blue	1 00
Cuba, 25 varieties, a bargain	50
Canada, 1859, 1, 5, 10, 12½, 17 cent	90
*Samoa, 1877-82, 8 varieties complete, reprints	15
Nova Scotia, 1d, fine	4 50
" " 3d, "	95
" " 2c mauve	25
" " 5c blue	11
Egypt, unpaid, 1889, 4 varieties complete	20
Egypt, 6 varieties	05
Greece, 8 varieties	05
*Holkar, 1892, ¼, ½, 1 and 2 annas	25
Portugal, 1875-79, 150 and 300 reis	12
Portugal, 13 fine varieties	10
Russia, 12 varieties	0
Sweden, 10 varieties	4
Portuguese Indies, 3 varieties	5
Italy, 12 varieties	5
*Italy Parcel Post, surcharged, 6 varieties	10
***New Brunswick 1, 2, 5 and 17c.**, a bargain	**40**
***New Brunswick 2 and 5c.**, a bargain	**10**
Newfoundland, 3 cent, brown	3
Canada, 1868, 1c watermarked maker's name	1 00
" 1868, 1c red-brown	12
*Canada, 1868, 12½c blue	30
Canada, 1858, ½d pink, fine	4 40
" 1858, 3d red, fine	1 50
" 1852, 3d red	16
" 1852, 6d violet	3 50
*Puttialla State, error "Auttialla" red sch	1 00
Mexico, 1884, 50c. green, cheap	**8**
Mexico, 1884, 1 peso, blue	**30**
Mexico, 20 and 25, scarlet	5
" 10 varieties, including 20 cent	10
" 1856-92, 50 varieties	1 00
" Revenues, 10 fine varieties	10
" " 15 "	25
" " 25 "	50
" " 50 "	1 00
U. S., 1869, 6c blue	$ 30
" 1861-62, 1, 2 and 3c	05
*Canada, officially sealed, fine	1 75
Jamaica, 7 varieties	5
U. S., 100 varieties	1 00
" 30 "	10
" Locals, 15 varieties	25
" American Rapid Telegraph, 16 var. complete	50
" Telegraph, 30 fine varieties	1 00
Sweden Losen, 10 varieties complete	18
" official, 11 " "	15
*Suez, 4 varieties complete (Scott's price, 65c)	15
Spain, 1850-54, only, 5 scarce varieties	15
Hungary, 1888, 1 kr. to 1 fl., 9 varieties, only	10
South America, 6 varieties	5
" " 25 fine varieties	18
" " 50 choice "	50
Italy, unpaid, 1, 2, 5 and 10 lire, blue	**10**
Italy, unpaid, 50 and 100 lire	**30**
Best onion skin hinges, per 1,000	10
Roumania, 8 varieties	5
*Canada Bill, 3rd issue, $2 red and black	75
" " $3 green and black	75
*Baden, 1862-68, 5 varieties, cheap	15
*Sarawak, 1892, 1c on 3c, brown on yellow	6
" " " blue and black	6
*Bogota, ½c black	2
*Bolivia, 1c "	2
Western Australia, 1889, 1 and 2d, cheap	**10**
Western Australia, 3 varieties	5
Tunis, 2nd type, 5 to 15c	3
Victoria, 1884, 3d bister	3
" 1887, 4d carmine	3
1000 very fine continentals, post free	60
100 varieties, very cheap at	10
200 " a bargain	45
300 " cheap	80
500 " very fine, no revenues	2 00
1000 " " "	6 50
*Newfoundland, 1866, 12c pink	45
* " 1870, 6c rose	15
" 1873, 5c blue	9
" 1880, "	2
New Brunswick, 3d, fine	2 25
*Nowanugger, ¼, 1, 2, 3 ivera	12
*Puerto Rico, 1892, ½ to 8 m., 6 varieties	9
10 Philatelic Papers, post free	11
Turkey, 10 varieties	
*U. S officially sealed	3
U. S., 1861, 5c brown	20
Italy, 25 varieties	12
Canada, 50 varieties	50
Manitoba Law, 4 varieties, fine	15
Supreme Court $5, very rare	3 75
Canada Gas Inspection, 25, 50, $1, $1.50, $2, the set	40
*Philipine Isles, 1889, 4 varieties	10
" " 1890, "	10
Great Britain, 1854, 6d violet, octagonal, rare	30
Canada, 1859, 10c violet	17
" 1870, 3c laid paper	1 50
U. S., 1851, 1c blue	16
" 1869, 2 and 3c, cheap	4
" 1888, 4c carmine	2
" Revenue, 1st issue, $15 mortgage, fine	1 40
" " " $25 " "	1 40
Canada Bill, 10 varieties	5
Puerto Rico, 25 varieties, a bargain	50
Van Diemen's Land, 1853, 4d orange, rare, cheap	2 00

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	10.	100.
Argentine, ¼ cent, green	5	30
" 1892, ½ cent, blue	8	65
" " 1 cent, brown	15	—
" " 2 cent, green	25	—
Bogota, ½ cent, black	10	75
Bolivia, 1 cent, black	15	—
Bolivia Journal, 1892, ½ cent, brown on yellow	10	90
Bolivia Journal, 1892, 1 cent, rose	15	—
British North Borneo, ½ cent, rose	12	—
Bavaria, 1870, 1 kr. green and 3 kr. rose	5	25
Canada, Register, 2 cent, orange	30	2 90
Canada, ½ cent, black	8	60
Canada, 1868, 12½ cent, blue	2 50	22 25
Costa Rica, ½ cent, real blue	10	75
Ecuador, 7 var., evenly assorted	10	95
Peru, 1876, 10 cent, green	10	75
Portugal, "Provisario," 5 cent, black	15	1 30
" " 10 cent, green	20	1 75
New Brunswick, 1 cent, violet	75	7 00
" " 2 cent, orange	45	4 25
" " 5 cent, green	25	2 25
" " 17 cent, black	2 00	19 00
Sardinia, newspaper, 1 cent, black	5	35
" 15 cent, blue	5	20
Switzerland, 1874, 2 cent, bister	5	30
" 1878, 40 cent, gray	5	45
" 1882, 5 cent, brown	5	30
" 1882, 20 cent, yellow	5	35
" 1862, 10 cent, rose	5	30
Sarawak, 1892, 1 cent on 3 cent, brown on yellow	40	—
" " 1 cent on 3 cents, black and blue	40	—
" " 1 cent	25	—
Straits Settlements, 1892, 1 cent, green	20	—
U. S. Interior Department, 1 cent, vermilion	1 00	9 00
" " " 2 " "	50	4 25
" officially sealed	25	2 25

USED STAMPS.

	10.	100.
Angola, 1886, 5r, black	15	—
" " 25r, mauve	20	—
" " 50r, blue	25	—
Argentine Republic, well ass.	5	45
" " 1890, 5 cent, red	5	40
Australian assortment	—	20
Azores, 1882, 5r, slate	20	—
" 1887, 25r, lilac	14	—
" 1882, 5r, blue	20	—
Austria, 1892, 30 kr, brown	13	1 25
Bolivia, assorted	15	1 30
Bavaria, 1 mark, violet	15	—
Brazil, well assorted	5	45
British Guiana, 1876, 1 cent, slate	10	70
" " 2 cent, orange	7	60
" 1891, 1 cent, green	5	50
" 1889, 2 cent, mauve	5	45
" four varieties, finely assorted	6	55
Canada, 1882, ½ cent, black	5	45
" register, 2 cent, orange	5	45
" " 2 cent, carmine	10	65
" " 5 cent, green	5	40
" 1859, 1 cent, pink	25	2 45
" " 5 cent, red	16	1 50
" 1853, 3d, red	1 60	15 00
India, well assorted	5	20
Italy, well assorted	—	10
Italy, unpaid, 50 and 100 lire, evenly assorted	1 40	12 25
Japan, 2 sen., red	—	10
Japan, 15 sen., violet	5	25
Jamaica, well assorted	5	40
Malta, 2½, blue	20	1 75
Mexico, official, brown	10	60
" 1888, 10 cent, scarlet	4	20
" " 20 " "	20	1 50
" " 25 " "	30	2 50
" 1884, 50 cent, green	70	6 00
Newfoundland, 3 cent, brown	15	1 25
New Zealand, ½, 1, 2d, assorted	—	15
Norway, well assorted	—	15
Nova Scotia, 3d, blue	8 25	—
" 5 cent, blue	1 20	11 00
Portuguese Indies, 1886, 6r, green	20	—
Puttialla State Service, ½a, green	15	1 25
" " " 1a, brown	25	2 00
" " " 3 var., assorted	20	1 75
Portugal, 1879, 150 ren., yellow	40	3 75
South Australia, 1887, 6d, blue	15	1 20
" " assorted	—	15
Switzerland, finely assorted	—	10
Portugal, finely assorted	—	15
South America, finely assorted	—	50
Sweden, finely assorted	—	15
Spain, well assorted	—	15
Travancore, 1 ch, blue	25	—
United States Revenue, 2c orange, U. S. I. R.	—	10
" " " 2c " Bank check	—	10
" " " 2c blue, "	—	10
" " 1872, 1c blue	—	10
" " 1872, 3c green	—	10
" " 1882, 2c claret	—	8
" " 1884, 4c carmine	15	1 40
" " 1890, 4, 5 and 10 assorted	5	25
U. S. of Columbia, well assorted	5	45
Victoria, 1884, 3d, bister	20	1 90
" 4d. carmine	20	1 90
Western Australia, 1889, 1d rose	40	3 25
" " " 2d slate	55	5 00
" " 1890, 1d rose	10	90
" " " 2d slate	10	90
Tunis, 1888, 5c green	15	1 25
" " 15c blue	15	1 25

STAMPS BY THE 1,000.

*Means Unused.	Per 1000	Per 5000
Argentine, finely assorted	3 75	17 50
Brazil, finely assorted	4 00	19 00
British Guiana, well assorted	3 80	18 00
Canada, 1859, 5c red	16 00	75 00
" " 1c pink	25 00	—
" Register, 5c green	3 50	15 00
per 100,000, $275		
" common, well assorted	35	1 50
per 100,000, $25		
Mexico, '88, 10c scarlet	1 50	7 00
" " 20c "	13 00	55 00
" finely assorted	3 50	15 00
Mexico, official brown	5 00	20 00
*New Brunswick, 5c green	20 00	98 00
* " " 2c orange	40 00	190 00
New Zealand, well assorted	1 40	6 00
Portugal, "	1 20	6 00
Sardinia, 1 and 15c, assorted	2 25	—
United States Postage Due, 2c	1 50	—
" " Revenues, 3 var., finely ass.	1 50	6 00
United States, 1872, 1c blue	90	4 00
" " " 3c green	80	3 50
" " 1882, 2c claret	65	3 00

SETS OF STAMPS.

†Means Unused.	3 Sets.	10 Sets.
†Ecuador, 1872-87, 1 to 50c, 7 varieties	20	60
" " 1c to 1 peso, 11 var	75	2 00
†Suez, 4 var., complete	45	1 25
†New Brunswick, 1, 2, 5, 17c	1 10	3 25
Unused stamps, 10 fine var	15	40
British Guiana, 4 var	10	20
Mexico, current, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c	35	3 00
Italy, Segnatasse, 1, 2, 5, 10 lire	15	45
" " 50 to 100 "	90	2 50
Puttialla Service, 5 var	20	55
†Samoa, 1st issue, 8 var. complete	35	95
Canada, 20 varieties	25	80
100 variety packets	25	75
100 " "	18 00	60 00
Angola, 1886, 5, 25 and 50 r	20	60
Portugal, 2½ to 100 reis, 12 var		65
Russia, 12 fine var		60
Bulgaria, 10 varieties		70

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IV. — METHODS OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.

BY THE EDITOR.

(Continued from page 49.)

WE dealt with the terms *Essay*, *Proof*, *Taille Douce*, *Typography*, *Lithography* and *Electrography*, in our last paper. Following immediately on these, and of more than usual interest, is the process of embossing, which is so little understood by the majority of collectors. Though somewhat difficult of explanation, I shall use every effort to make my explanations as clear as possible.

Embossing is not entitled to be classed as either a method of printing or of engraving, for, strictly speaking, it is neither. Embossing is stamping in relief, and in the process of embossing, no ink whatever is used on the embossed part. The method is simple, and is something on the same principle as that used in *Taille Douce*, or copper plate engravings. Embossing is more frequently used in the preparation of stamped envelopes, and less frequently in the case of adhesive stamps. The plate in preparation has the parts which it is intended to emboss cut away. The plate is placed in the press and operated upon as in ordinary printing, the surface only being inked, and the part which is cut away being left dry; beneath the part of the press on which the paper to be printed is laid, a flat piece of rubber is usually placed, and great pressure being used in printing the paper is forced up into the hollow part of the die, and as a result leaves that portion of the die in relief, or raised above the rest of the paper, the embossed portion being colorless.

For examples of the process of embossing, many may be mentioned. The heads on the Canadian and United States stamped envelopes, as well as the lettering and design around the same, are produced by embossing. The stamps of Scind Dawk are embossed. The heads of the 1886 issue of all the Portuguese Colonies are embossed. Many other cases could be mentioned, but by reference to any of the above, it will be easily seen what is meant by this term.

A stamp is sometimes said to be *grilled* or *embossed*. This does not apply to the design of the stamp. A *grille* is a number of rows of minute indentations made by a steel die divided into very fine, but slightly flat points, forming a rectangle of small, which is often impressed in the middle of each stamp, from the back, after the same are printed. This grille, with its indentations, breaks the texture of the paper, rendering the condition of its surface such as will absorb the ink from the cancelling stamp and render impossible to *wash* the cancellation marks from the stamp.

In rare instances, when stamps are being printed, the plates escape being inked, and the stamp produced by the impression are colorless, only the impression of the plate being left on the paper. Such a stamp is called an albino.

A delicate kind of tracery used in engraving, consisting of scrolls, intricate lines, symmetrical ornaments, etc., and generally produced by machinery, is called *Arabesque*.

The *Frame* is the ornamental work around the outer edge of a stamp or in the center surrounding the oval.

The *Ground Work* engraving of a stamp is plain, undesigned background of same.

Lined ground, as it is called in Engraving, denotes that the groundwork of the stamp consists of horizontal, vertical, curved, oblique, wavy, or crossed lines.

When the design of a stamp is engraved on a block of ivory in reverse, and the stamp printed from the engraving, the method is called *Ivory Block*. It soon becomes worn and gives an indistinct impression. For reference, see stamps of some of the Native Indian states,—Cashmere, etc.

Re-engraved signifies that the same design has been re-engraved.

Re-touched plates, that have been greatly worn, are re-touched so as to render the impression clearer and more distinct.

(To be Continued.)

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

THE DEMON STAMP.

BY E. R. MARSHALL.

PROLOGUE.

I HAVE never been a believer in the supernatural, and yet there are times in every person's life when it seems as though one catches a glimpse of some of the doings of the occult world.

There are well-known cases in which persons have had premonitions of approaching disaster, and even dissolution, but with this I have nothing to do. I will simply lay the facts of this most remarkable case before the readers of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST, trusting that, while you may not give credence to a narrative so weird, so supernatural and ghostly, you will at least give me credit of being honest in my statements and in my convictions.

ROSS L. MARSDEN.

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 12, 1879.

To the American Public:—

I, Charles Lyle Camden, being about to pass from this vale of tears into the great unknown, do hereby make the following statement, which I solemnly declare to be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

I was born in a small town in Indiana, Oct. 13, 1852, and to be as brief as possible we will pass over the first twenty years of my life, during which time I grew up to be a tall and, I think, ordinarily intelligent youth of good morals and rather a quiet disposition.

My father was a Baptist minister, and after I had graduated from the village schools he decided to send me to Havard. While attending this great institution of learning I caught what is known as the "stamp fever,"—that is, I was seized with a desire to collect everything bearing the semblance of a postage stamp, and so deeply enthused was I with this hobby that I soon became the possessor of a very fine collection. To the reader this must seem of the most trivial importance, and you will doubtless wonder how a man with but a few hours, perhaps minutes, to live can write of such boyish follies, but all this bears, indirectly, upon what I am about to confess.

I was called from college when in the commencement of my sophomore year by a telegram announcing the death of my father, and upon settling up the estate I found that it would be impossible for me to return and that I must work for my daily bread.

Accordingly I secured, through friends, a position as book-keeper of a small bank in a neighboring town. It was there that I met Lena Clyde and fell an easy victim to her charms. She was belle of the village and, of course, had many admirers, and among them was Howard Cameron, editor of the town paper.

This young man was about my own age, and we soon became fast friends—*friend;* what a mockery the word seems when applied to the villain who, when dearer to me than a brother, wrecked my life and made me what I am, but I must continue my story ere my feeble strength gives out.

We had been friends for several months before I discovered that Howard was a stamp collector also. This only served to bind us closer together, and many a pleasant evening we spent together over our albums and exchanging such duplicate stamps as we possessed.

I had been paying attention to Lena for some time, and it seemed that she looked upon my suit with favor, and at last I felt that I dared ask her to be my wife.

One evening, as I sat with Howard in the little printing-office, I told him all, for our intimacy had ripened to such an extent that we had few secrets from each other.

He seemed greatly interested, and when I told him all my hopes and fears he slapped me upon the shoulder and said: "I wish you success from the bottom of my heart, Charlie, and if ever anyone was deserving of so peerless a creature as Miss Clyde it is my friend—my brother—Charles Camden."

Oh! to what depths of perfidy the human soul can descend, and it is little wonder that one grows cynical and distrustful when those we love and trust most turn upon us and strike the blow which ends all hope of earthly happiness.

Well, the next day I proposed and was accepted, and my plea for an early marriage was granted. The nuptials were to take place in two weeks, and in that short time I believe I experienced all the happiness which it is possible for a human being to know. I lived in a heaven of bliss; I seemed floating upon the clouds. Work, friends, even my treasured stamp album, were forgotten;—I only knew, only cared, that I loved and was beloved by the dearest, loveliest girl in the whole wide world.

Poor fool that I was.

Howard willingly consented to be "best man," and as the eventful day drew nearer, preparations were made for the quiet little wedding which was to take place from Lena's little home.

Howard was my constant companion, and his kindness and brotherly interest makes me shudder when I think that he was even then contemplating my death blow.

At last the eventful day arrived. Soon I was to be the happiest man alive, I told myself. The ceremony was to take place at 8 p. m., and as Howard was to accompany me to the cottage I waited for him at my boarding place until 7.55; then, wondering greatly at his non-appearance, I started for the house.

I was met at the door by Mrs. Clyde, who informed me that Lena had asked to be left alone for the last half hour, but that she would go and call her.

I entered the room, which was full of friends and neighbors, and awaited her coming. I heard her mother ascend the stairs and enter her room,—then there was a scream and a heavy fall.

We rushed up-stairs and found the old lady lying upon the floor in a faint with a bit of paper clutched between her fingers. An awful fear arose in my heart and almost stilled its beating. My brain reeled and I clutched at a chair for support.

Then I took the paper from between the cold fingers and read the death-blow to my hopes in these few lines:—

DEAR CHARLIE,—I have gone with Howard, whom I love better than I ever could love you. Forgive me if you can. LENA.

Two months later I arose from an attack of brain fever with but one thought in my mind—but one thing to live for—revenge on the man who had ruined my life.

I cast about me for a means of sating my vengeance and struck upon one which I think truly original. My eye fell upon my stamp album one day and my course was plain.

I took a trip to ————, and there proceeded to put my plan into execution. I took a postage stamp, one of the 3c. green, then in use, and carefully smeared the gum with a deadly poison, but one which would leave no trace. What could be simpler than my plan, or safer? I was in a distant city. The breath of suspicion could never reach me, and yet the little stamp would do its deadly work as surely as would knife or revolver.

I wrote Howard Cameron a letter in a disguised hand inquiring about some trivial matter, signed an assumed name, enclosed the poisoned stamp for reply, and dropped it into the nearest letter box. Then I awaited results. They came soon enough.

After a sleepless night I arose, dressed, and went out into the street. A newsboy was crying his papers. I bought one, threw the boy a coin, and hurried to my room. My hands trembled so that the paper fluttered like a leaf in the wind. For some moments I dared not look for what I hoped, yet feared, to find.

At last, partially subduing the momentary weakness, I opened the paper. There, among the latest telegraphic dispatches, I found what I sought.

W————, Ohio, Dec. 17, 1877.

"Howard Cameron, editor of the ————, dropped dead in his office at 8 o'clock last night. Heart disease probably the cause."

Only a few lines, yet it told me I was avenged. I laughed aloud. Then the reaction came and I sank back into a chair trembling. I was a murderer! As surely did the brand of Cain rest upon my brow as though a knife in my hand had dealt the death-blow.

My strength is fast failing, but there is little more to tell. Three days later, moved by a morbid curiosity I could not control, I called at the post-office and gave the name I had assumed in writing to

Cameron. I got the letter, and with this confession I leave the stamp and envelope which gave me my revenge and a burden of remorse as heavy as ever mortal carried.

May God have mercy on my soul!

CHARLES L. CAMDEN.

This remarkable letter, with the envelope still bearing the fatal stamp, was found by the clergyman who was with Camden at his death, and by him was given to me. We agreed that its publication could do no possible good, and, out of regard for the family of the deceased, we decided to keep the matter to ourselves and it is now given to the public for the first time, only names of persons and places are changed.

I placed the fateful stamp in my album, merely as a curiosity, and twelve years passed away, finding me still an ardent philatelist, as of old.

On the night of Dec. 16, 1889, I was sitting in my library looking over my stamp collection, when a sudden thought reminded me that it was the twelfth anniversary of Howard Cameron's death.

Moved by an impulse I cannot explain, I turned to the page where rested the deadly stamp I sat looking at it, lost in reverie, when I was startled by a sudden change in its appearance. I looked more closely. A dim, misty haze seemed to float around it, and, as it cleared away, I saw, in place of the head of the "Father of his Country," the face of a lovely young girl assume shape. I rubbed my eyes and pinched myself to be sure that I was not dreaming, but no, I was wide awake, and still before me was the face of the beautiful young girl, now fast growing dimmer.

Finally the view dissolved and another took its place, forming slowly, the mist growing fainter, as before, but this time it was the face of a young man which looked at me from the stamp.

As you all know, the 3c., 1872, is a green stamp, and I was horrified to see it assume a reddish tinge until it was of the color of blood. It stayed but a moment thus, when it slowly began to fade.

Again came the mist, and shining through it I saw letters of fire. Clearer and plainer they grew until they formed themselves into words, and I read the Scriptural injunction :—

"THOU SHALT NOT KILL!"

Gradually this, too, disappeared, and the stamp once more assumed its proper shade and face. I watched long, but there were no further demonstrations, and I at last retired thoroughly mystified.

This was three years ago, and each succeeding year, an the night of December 16th, I have watched the stamp and have seen the same panorama of changes appear and disappear, and I am as deeply mystified as ever.

Can I explain it? No; nor can anybody. Were you to see the stamp at any time other than the anniversary of the murder your gaze would encounter nothing but an innocent-appearing postage stamp with Washington's portrait beaming benignly out upon you. It is only on this particular day that the changes take place.

You are skeptical, of course; I can expect nothing else, but stay, there is one way in which I can silence your disbelief. Come to me on the night of Dec. 16th, at eight o'clock, and stand with me before my album and gaze at the stamp. If you do not see enough to change your skepticism to belief, then you may condemn my narrative and myself to your heart's content.

Until such a time I shall continue to call this most interesting specimen of my collection

"*The Demon Stamp.*"

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

DON'TS.

DON'T buy heavily-cancelled or torn stamps, unless you cannot possibly obtain them otherwise. Such stamps are worth about one-fourth the price of a good stamp.

Don't attend an auction sale and expect to get rare stamps for nothing almost, or let a dealer outbid you on a certain stamp and feel especially honored next day if he offers you the same stamp at 25% increase.

Don't soak you stamps when cleaning them, as it spoils their appearance very much. Rub them over lightly with a soft camel's-hair brush moistened.

Don't use these sticky, perfumed, perforated hinges —don't.

Don't keep a lot of stamps a month, when the dealer expressly states that returns must be made in ten days.

Don't send a lot of bids to an auctioneer and request him to buy only to a certain amount, and don't send about twice the amount of bids you have money to spare, expecting to get only one-half of what you bid on.

Don't lick these European stamps, especially now, as you are liable to catch cholera and fever germs.

Don't return these cheap sheets containing only common continentals, and on which is no return postage. Let us try to stop this nuisance.

Don't think that you were naturally born an editor, and start an amateur stamp paper. Nearly all papers are started by some one who thinks just this, and nine-tenths of them never issue their second number.

Don't slight the "kid" collector's dealers. On them rests the future of philately.

Don't advertise a collector or dealer as a fraud until you have written him a few times. Perhaps he has overlooked the matter or is absent from home.

Don't, above all, don't be a fraud or substituter. There is nothing so despicable as a philatelic fraud.

DON'TS FOR EDITORS.

Don't have a review column unless it treats of all magazines quite fully, as you will create an impression that you have a surplus of space and wish to fill it out. Isn't such as this interesting reading? "The H.P. has eight pages this month." "The M.P. is an improvement this month over our last," etc.

Don't allow articles, very vague, in regard to Ph. Von Ferreri, Geo. Gould, etc., nor clippings about five years old, unless of general interest, in your magazine.

Don't occupy space with *fairy* stories and the like. Give the suffering public some good original matter on stamps—not on the "development of the postal system," "the post-office twenty years ago," etc.

DON'TS FOR THE ADVANCED COLLECTOR.

Don't think, because you have been collecting a few years, that you "know it all." I recently talked with a collector of eight years' experience who did not know the 1857 U.S. 3c. "outer line" variety. He supposed it was on the sides of the stamp.

Don't think, because you have written a few articles for the philatelic press, that you have the ability to edit a paper with yourself only as contributor, as you will soon exhaust your original matter, and, what is more likely, the cash.

Do not use the album with printed spaces for every (?) stamp ever issued. Where will the new

issues, oddities, shades, etc., etc., be ? and revenues, locals, telegraphs, match, medicine, bill and law stamps ? Use a blank stamp album, and cultivate your taste in the arrangement of the stamps.

DON'TS FOR THE YOUNG COLLECTOR.

When you are first "smitten by the charms of philately," do not, if you are a schoolboy, neglect your studies to dream of New Haven's, Connell's and the like, else your teacher will complain to your parents, who will likely put a veto on your efforts to become an advanced philatelist at the age of twelve. Doubtless many would-be stamp collectors have given up the pursuit because of the opposition of parents to this child's-play (?).

Do not pay 25c. for a 1000 stamp packet and be very much disappointed because the dealer did not put in a few "Sydney views," Canada sixpences, etc. Remember, the dealer has to make a profit, and always think charitably of him.

Do not mount (?) your collection in a copybook, pasting in the stamps with "Cowsfoot Best Glue," or you may regret it.

Don't buy stamps of these "snide" companies offering Bergadorf, Swiss locals, Hamburgs, etc., at about 75% discount from catalogue prices, but jot them down as *frauds* every time.

Don't start up as a dealer with a stock of current issue of Canada 1, 2 and 3c. and such stamps, sending them out unsolicited with no return postage, and when they are not returned, publishing the party as a fraud. Many innocent parties are thus convicted every year, and driven from the ranks of philately.

Don't get all your philatelic news by sending out postal cards every month to a magazine asking for a sample copy.

Don't send some of the current stamps of your country to a foreign collector and expect stamps catalogued at a dollar or more. This is one of the common errors a young collector makes.

DON'TS FOR DEALERS.

Don't advertise bargains you have not for sale and when orders are received notify the senders that the stamps "are just out of stock," and that the amount has been placed to their credit. Nothing will injure your trade more than this ; and don't advertise counterfeits under the name of *reprints*, offering them for sale much below catalogue prices of good stamps.

Don't patch up stamps and sell them as fine, entire specimens, as, when the collector discovers the mending, the probabilities are he will never trade with you again.

Don't stick unused stamps with original gum directly on an approval sheet, as part of the gum —and maybe part of the stamp—will stay on the sheet when the stamp is removed, and is liable to injure the sale of a stamp.

Don't send stamps to a person in a foreign country unless he is favorably known to you, or unless you write to his references. Many dealers require references, and then never write to the persons referred to. Is this any better than no reference at all ?

Don't send stamps loose in an envelope, as they are liable to be torn when the letter is opened.

Don't send out these "old chestnut" stamps, such as sets of Salvador, Honduras, etc. Try to make your sheets attractive. To do this, have every stamp entire and clean ; hinge it on the sheet straight, blend the colors nicely—especially for boys—and if the stamps are priced low enough, and your wants are moderate, success is yours.

W. A. WITHROW.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

BY W. CULLEN BROWN.

A RENOWNED philosopher once very wisely said : "It is quite natural that the man, woman or child who has no connection with civilization, or who never has had personal intercourse with a civilized being, will not bear civilization, but will be as nature made him, unlearned and savage." The above saying has more application, and to philately it is especially applicable. Just as the man, apart from civilization, is uncivilized, the collector who does not *meet* his brother-collector is an uncivilized philatelist in many ways. It may be that he has a collection perfection itself, a knowledge of philately unexcelled ; yet if he is, as it were, apart from personal meeting with his brother-collectors, he has not tasted of one of the greatest pleasures of philately. To receive the benefits of this, the only way is through a local society. Some one may say, "Collectors meet in the business round of every-day life ; is this not sufficient to give the desired result, personal intercourse, collector ?" Tell me how much two collectors who meet on the street will impart to each other in a hurried exchange of a few words ? How much pleasure will be derived therefrom ! How much knowledge will be imparted ? Some little amount, perhaps, but nothing in comparison to a local society, where a number of collectors meet, exchange their views and opinions, to the personal advancement of all.

Taking it for granted that a local society is a necessity, that the reader sees its advantages, and would like to organize one in his own locality, I take the liberty of making a few suggestions as to the organization of a society such as will draw the collectors of your locality together. It is a necessity in your place of residence. Do not delay, but set about organizing one *now*.

As to the time for organizing, as I have before said, "Now is the accepted time." "Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day." The best manner is to imprsss on the mind of your fellow-collector the necessity of, and benefits arizing from, a local society. Set a date—say a month ahead—for the organizing meeting ; this will give you a whole month to work in, and a chance to see that no collector, large, small or indifferent, is missed, but secure from all a promise of their support and attendance at the inaugurating meeting. Set the meeting on a night known to be convenient to the majority of the members. If care is not exercised on this point, the result may be a small attendance. Do not omit to point out among the many benefits of a local society those of the Exchange Department, Auction Department, Library. The Exchange Department can be worked with far greater success in a local society than in a national. The auction sales, if placed in the hands of an active, pushing collector, will be found to be one of the best if not the greatest attraction—a drawing card to the meetings. If such is possible, have a small auction announced to take place at the close of the organizing meeting. You will be surprised to see what an increased attendance and interest it will cause. The library of a local society is not like that of a national society, but is there for use, and if a few standard works of the higher class are secured by the librarian, it will be a great stimulus to growth. Small,

trashy papers are never much of an attraction in a library, as the majority of collectors have hundreds of these, and do not need to come to the society to get them, and, as a result, it is easily seen that it is necessary to have something more than ordinary in the line of literature. Another attraction, which should receive more than ordinary consideration, is the place of meeting. Many local societies adjourn in summer, and as the majority of the meetings are held in the long winter evenings, rooms should be secured that are cosy, well furnished, warm and comfortable. It is better to pay a little extra for a good room, for a poor room is not cheap at any price. The most desirable room is that of some library, Y.M.C.A., or some other organization which has good rooms with the above requisites. Such a room will cost from one to three dollars, generally the former. Make your dues low, in accordance with expenses. $1.20 per year and an initiation fee seems to be the ruling amount in many local societies, especially those composed of younger collectors; this is for the members to decide. Now, a local society is needed in every locality. Do not delay, but organize one in yours. If every locality would get its local society, the growth of philately would be enormous. The number of collectors would soon double. We would find fewer collectors dropping out from lack of interest. Philately would be revolutionized. DO YOUR DUTY.

Next month I shall give a few hints as to how a local society should be run when once organized

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

Peterboro', Dec. 27, 1892.

Editor of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

DEAR SIR,—In the Dec. number of your paper you say that you doubt the existence of a 5 cent registration stamp watermarked. I have in my collection the stamp spoken of, and it is watermarked. I have shown it to several gentlemen who are authorities, and they all say the mark is genuine. Another thing is, that the stamp is on a different kind of paper from any of the others.

Yours truly, C. S. MCKEE.

[7592] General Post Office,
Sydney, 21st Sept., 1892.

In accordance with the provisions of the 16th section of the Postage Act, His Excellency the Governro, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the issue of a five penny impressed stamp for envelopes. For the purpose, the present four penny stamp (containing a portrait of Captain Cook) has been temporarily utilized. The color of the new stamp is green, instead of chocolate-brown, and the words "Five Pence" are printed thereon instead of "Four Pence."—On service, Department of Public Instruction only.

JOHN KIDD,

Wanted at Once,

A philatelic publisher, with some "stick to it." A dealer who does not claim to sell "cheaper than the cheapest." A collector who does not consider his collection worth twice its real value. Where are they?

Society Items.

[We desire the Secretaries of all Societies to send us *brief* reports of their meetings each month, and such will be published free, and we trust that Societies will not be slow in taking advantage of this privilege.]

LONDON PHILATELIC CLUB.

The secoud regular meeting was held in the rooms of the club, the Y. W. C. T. U. parlors, Vice-President Stæbler in the chair. The reports of the Secretary-Treasurer, Auction and Sales Department Manager and Librarian, were read and approved. A motion prohibiting the sale and exchange of stamps during the meeting was carried. After considerable discussion it was decided to change the meeting-night to the first and third Monday of each month. Business of minor importance followed. The committee on constitution and by-laws then reported, and the next hour was occupied in reading and discussing the same. After above half had been proceeded with, the balance was laid over until next regular meeting. Several small changes were made in the by-laws as submitted. It was decided that all members should be elected by secret ballot. Considerable discussion took place about limiting active membership, some of the members desiring that the limit should be placed at five miles, while others desired that the word neighborhood be substituted for five miles. The latter motion was at last carried by a small majority. Attendance, 12. A number of new members were elected. The auction sale took place at the close of the meeting, and on the whole good prices were realized. Mr. Bernstein, jr., officiated as auctioneer.

The third regular meeting of the London Philatelic Club was held in their rooms on January 16th. Messrs. Stæbler, Bernstein, McClellan, Colgrove, Bartram, Colwell, Chapman, Anderson, McMartin and others were present. Vice-President Stæbler occupied the chair. Reports of the Librarian, Auction Manager and Exchange Superintendent were read and approved. Mr. J. K. Tiffany, of St. Louis, Mo., was unanimously elected an honorary member of the club. In the absence of Mr. Dickson, the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. Bernstein, jr., was appointed Secretary *pro tem.* The reading of the by-laws was then proceeded with. Three new members were elected. Mr. Stæbler read a very interesting paper on young dealers. Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 30th. A full attendance is requested.

H. S. DICKSON, Secretary-Treasurer.

The 26th meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club was held on 15th Dec., with ten members present. M. R. P. Mayer was elected member 31. Election of officers for 1893 resulted as follows: President, N. P. Stockwell; Vice-Pres., Chas. Kress; Sec.-Treas., C. N. Stockwell; Exch.-Supt., N. J. Brodie; Librarian, G. J. Bailey. Address all communications to C. N. Stockwell, Sec., 166 Huron-st., Cleveland, O.

The German-American Philatelic Association "Germania", of New York, held its fourth annual convention, Jan. 14th, in the rooms of the Association. Honorary President Ph. Heinsberger in the chair. The officers elected were:—President, Fr. Heinsberger, 9 First Ave., N. Y. City; Recording Secretary, A. Schumacher; Treasurer, H. Hermann; Librarian and International Secretary, Fr. Phillips; Board of Trustees for 1893, D. E. Hazen of Thomotossassa, Fla.; Chairman Emil Y. Rall of Savannah, Ga., and Cleve Scott of Central City, Neb.

Auction Department.

[Matters relating to Auction Sales, and prices realized, will be published in this department each month.]

Messrs. Venton, Bull & Co.

Tokenhouse Yard, Nov. 5.—The above firm held a sale here to-night A few of the principal prices realized are appended. Attendance small.

	£.	s.	d.
Victoria, 1862, 6d black, wink singe lined "4."	20	6	0
Canada, 1868, 1c., laid paper	1	14	0
N.S.W. Laureated. 3d, with wink "2."	5	0	0
Mauritius, 2d, blue, the PENCE error	3	0	0
Uruguay, Uliligencia, 60c, blue	1	10	0

Messrs. Chevely & Co.

London, Nov. 13.—The above firm held an interesting three-day sale on Nov. 10th, 11th and 12th at 64 Chancey Lane. A few of the more interesting prices are as follows :

	£.	s.	d.
Balse, 2½ rp, unused	4	0	0
Madrid, 3 ctos. bronze, unused	4	12	6
Tuscany, 3 lire	8	0	0
Geneva, double stamp, severed and re-joined	7	5	0
Zurich, 4r, clipped	3	12	6
Moldavia, 1st issue, 54 paras, cut round	2	12	6
Tuscany, 2 soldi	4	8	0
Labuan, 16c blue, surcharge "6" in red	11	15	0
Ceylon, 8d, imperf	5	0	0
Turk's Island, 1 sh. prune	4	4	0
St. Vincent, star wink, 5 sh, lake, unused	2	0	0
Buenos Ayres, steamship, 5 pesos, yellow	5	15	0
Bolivar, 1st issue, small, 10c, green	4	15	0
Buenos Ayres, steamship, 4 pesos, red	1	0	0
N. S. W., 3d, Sydney	2	0	0
Victoria, 5 sh, blue on yellow	4	0	0

Mr. Hadlow's Recent Sale.

London, Nov. 19.—Considerable merriment was caused by a little incident at the above gentleman's sale this evening, occasioned by a cabman sending up a message to his unknown passenger demanding his fare or, in default, demanding instruction how much longer he had to wait. Nobody responding, we all began to look at each other with suspicion; but there came another message saying it was a man in a light overcoat, and the laugh was quietly turned against a well-known attender of the sales. No great varieties were offered, but there was a good attendance. The following are some of the principal prices realized :

	£.	s.	d.
Lubeck, complete sheet of 2 sc, brown, showing the two errors, 2½ sc	8	10	0
Labuan, 6c on 16c, blue, wink sideways, with surcharge reversed	6	10	0
Labuan, 6c on 40c, ochre, surcharge reversed	6	0	0
Mauritius, post-paid, 1d, orange, unused	4	10	0
Natal, 1869, curved sch. in black, twice printed	4	8	0
St. Vincent, 4d on 1 sh, vermilion	2	10	0
South Australia, 1860, 10d, yellow rouletted, surcharge reversed	3	15	0

Messrs. Sellschopp & Co

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 17—The fourth sale of the above firm was concluded to-night. The sale began on the 13th, and was continued on the evenings of the 15th and 17th. The sale realized $2,100. A few of the prices are appended :

New Haven, signed reprint	$23 00
Baton Rouge, 2c, on original envelope	34 00
U. S., 1868, 90c, unused	10 30
U. S., 1875, re-issue, without grille, 24c, unused	5 80
Same 90c, unused	12 55
U. S., 1861, cut envelope, on white, unused	12 00
U. S. Justice, 90c, used fine	11 30
U. S. Newspaper, unused :—9c, $6.30 ; 72c, $3.40 ; 84c, $3.20 ; 96c, $2.10 ; $1.92, $4.25 ; 3d, $4.90 ; 6d, $7 ; 9d, $11.25 ; 12d, $12 ; 24d, $17 ; 36d, $26 ; 48d, $32.50 ; 60d, $40.	

London Philatelic Club.

The first stamp auction ever held in this city was held at the second regular meeting of the club. It being a novelty, the bidding was spirited. The following are a few of the prices realized :

Nova Scotia, 1d, fine	$ 4 55
Canada, Off., sealed, pair, unused	3 80
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, $3. unused, strip of 4	3 75
Argentine Centenary, 1892, 2c and 5c unused	12 40
Canada, 1868, 1c, watermarked	1 30

It is expected that another sale will be held at the next meeting as the results of the first have been encouraging.

S. B. Bradt Company.

Chicago, December 15, 1892.—The S. B. Bradt Company held their ninth sale last evening. The sale consisted principally of the collection of Mr. T. J. Mitchell, of this city. Fair attendance. Auctioneer, Mr. C. W. Wilbur. A few of the best prices are :

U. S., 1847, 5, 10	$2 00
U. S., 1869, 24c	3 00
U. S., 1869, 90c	6 50
U. S., 1888, 90c, block of 12	6 00
U. S. Executive 1c, used	2 75
U. S. State, 90c, pen cancelled	3 25
U. S. Treasury complete	4 50
Cape of Good Hope, 4d, wood block	6 50
Scinde, ½ anna, white paper	7 50
Loruth, 1877, on blue laid paper	4 00
Labuan, 16c, blue, unused, C. A. sideways	3 05
Wurtenburg, 1851, 18 kr	2 05

No great varieties were offered, and majority of prices realized were very low in comparison to their value. A number of wholesale lots were offered.

Western Philatelic Union.

One of the most successful sales ever held in Chicago was that of the Western Philatelic Union, which took place on the 15th and 16th of December. We give a list of such stamps as realized $10 and over :

U. S., 1851, 5c, extra fine unused	$18 50
U. S., 1851, 5c, strip of 3, used, fine	23 00
U. S., 1851, 12c, block of 4, original gum	12 00
U. S., 1857, 5c, red brown, unused	15 06
U. S., 1861, 5c yellow, unsevered pair	14 50
U. S., 1866, 3c *scarlet*, unused, original gum	17 15
U. S., 1868, 3c rose, grilled all over, unused	18 35
U. S., 1869, 90c, unused	10 30
U. S., 1870, 12c, fine	17 75
U. S., newspaper, $9.00, full gum	13 25
U. S., " 12 00, "	16 75
U. S., " 24.00, "	25 05
U. S., " 36.00, "	33 00
U. S., " 48.00, "	42 00
U. S., " 60.00, "	50 05
U. S., Justice, 90c, very fine	10 25
Same, used	9 50
U. S., State, $5.00, unused	62 00
U. S., State, $10 00, unused	19 00
U. S., State, $20.00, unused	22 00

And others too numerous to mention. A lot which brought a remarkable price was No. 464 :—Envelope, 1887, 2c. green, on *manilla amber* paper, rejected die, sold for $146 05. which is quite a price for a variety of a common stamp.

AUCTION NOTES.

Auction sales have been held in London, England, seven days during November.

Mr. H. Gremmel will hold his eighth auction sale on Feb. 2nd at 23 Ann St., New York.

The S. B. Bradt Co. hold their 10th sale at 136 Wabash Ave., Chicago, on Jan. 18, 1893, at 8 p. m. Sale consists of 435 lots.

Mr. C. H. Holden, of Muskegon, Mich., holds his 9th sale on Jan. 25th inst. The best thing offered is a pair of N. B. shillings on original envelope.

C. H. MEKEEL FAILS.

COLLAPSE OF THE STAMP AND PUBLISHING COMPANY—DISASTER OVERTAKES THE CELEBRATED PHILATELIST.

C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Company has made an assignment to Louis J. W Wall for the benefit of creditors. The assets are estimated at $150,000, consisting of the furniture and plant, with tools and machinery for publishing a magazine devoted to the stamp-collecting interest, together with a stock of foreign stamps and albums.

The Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Company is located at 1007 Locust, and was the largest stamp dealer west of the Mississippi River. Its printing business was run as an adjunct to the stamp business, and was supposed by other printing houses not to be of an exceptionally lucrative character. The officers of the firm were C. H. Mekeel, president and treasurer; W. A. Funk, secretary; and A. A. Eddy, I. A. Mekeel and G. D. Mekeel board of directors.

About two years ago the present company bought out the J. E. Mangan Printing Company and assumed a debt of $9,000 secured by chattel mortgage, which the Mangan Printing Company owed the Dickinson Paper Company. This debt is still unpaid, and figures among the liabilities.

The assigned firm published the *Spanish American Trade Journal*, the *Philatelic Journal of America*, *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*. It had also a branch stamp concern in Mexico.

I. A. Mekeel, one of the board of directors, said that none of the creditors of the company would lose a cent. The liabilities of the company were fully covered by the stock of stamps and the printing machines and appliances. "The assignment was made necessary," he said, "because notes fell due that could not be paid, because of the unexpectedly slow business."

Seneca N. Taylor, attorney for the company, gave the liabilities of the company as $45,000, composed chiefly of notes held by the Third National and the Mechanics' Banks. The debt to the paper houses and printers' supply houses in St. Louis is small. Louis J. W. Wall, the assignee, is president of the August Gast Printing and Lithographing Company. —*St. Louis Chronicle, Jan. 17th, 1893.*

One of the Many.

Your Christmas number was excellent, and by far the best I have seen. Accept my congratulations.—Roy F. Green, Arkansas City, Kansas.

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We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's price list, consisting of 64 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed, and together with postage, the total cost will be $1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

NEW YORK NOTES.

BY "VINCO."

The Columbian issue of stamps, announced for the first of the year, has appeared on time, and were for sale at all the offices in the Metropolis on Jan. 2nd. They present a very creditable appearance, both in beauty of design and workmanship. Beside these splendid stamps, the old "1890 issue" sink into insignificance. They are not, however, intended to replace the old stamps, but will be used in connection with them.

The *Sunday Herald*, of Jan 1st, came out with cuts and descriptions of the Columbian stamps and some famous varieties. The cuts were not, of course, designed with any great degree of exactness, but nevertheless gave its readers, philatelic and otherwise, a fair idea of the originals. In this the *Herald* got ahead of all our stamp papers.

Citizens have been complaining for some time past about the poor accommodation afforded to stamp purchasers in the General Post Office. We now learn that commissioners have been appointed to select sites for at least two new offices in the centre of the city.

In "Answers to Correspondents," a local paper says: "There is no market for cancelled postage stamps." That paper has, plainly, something yet to learn.

In regard to the publication of so many new stamp papers and the continual dropping off, one by one, of the same: Why does not some standard philatelic magazine publish each month, under a regular heading, these numerous "Births" and "Deaths." And, by the way, we had a "marriage" a short time ago, the *Eagle* and *Western Philatelists* being the happy couple.

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2. The competition closes February the 28th, 1893. Results of the competition will be made known in our March issue, and awards forwarded winners immediately on the close of the competition.
3. Articles must be addressed to Editor CANADIAN PHILATELIST, 185½ Dundas Street, London, Canada, and must be marked "Writer's Prize Competition."
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EDITORIAL.

Columbian Stamp Exhibit. The Executive Committee of the World's Fair Philatelic Exhibit held a meeting at the office of Mr. A. R. Rogers, 75 Maiden Lane, N Y. city, on Friday afternoon, Dec. 23rd. Present were: Messrs. C. B. Calman, Henry Clotz, J. W. Scott, Charles Gregory, A. R. Rogers, and H. E. Deats. Mr. Rogers reviewed the situation in detail, and presented various communications and exhibited the plans for the proposed exhibit. The committee authorized the chairman, Mr. Rogers, to go to Washington at once and confer with Hon. A. D. Hazen, Third Assistant Postmaster-General, and complete, as far as possible, the arrangements for space in the Government building. The cases and frames will be made uniform with those containing the Government exhibits. The next meeting of the committee will be held the first week in January, at which time it is hoped the committee will be able to prepare the rules governing the exhibit.

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The Columbian Issues. The most artistic and beautiful series of stamps ever issued by the Government of the United States or any other postal administration in the world, are the new set of stamps and stamp envelopes issued by the United States in commemoration of the World's Columbian Exposition. The entire set is beyond criticism. As a work of art, they are equal to the original paintings from which the scenes illustrated in their designs were copied. The engraving is of the finest; the gum perfect. As for the set of designs, they serve their purpose to an admirable degree, as illustrating the life of Columbus; not only do they merely *illustrate* it, but if the designs are followed out in chronological order, a fair sketch of the life of Columbus may be obtained. We submit a list of the designs of the entire set on another page. In size, the stamps are twice the size of the 1890 issue, being about the size of the special delivery stamp of the U.S. The series was placed on sale at all the large Post-offices on Jan. 2nd inst., and will be used only till the 31st of next December. Three billions have been issued, and their future rarity may be based on these figures The 1890 series will be in use as well as the new issue, and stamp-buyers are to have their choice betwixt the old and new issues. It is officially reported that the old issue (1890) will come into use again in 1894; but others say the new Administration will have another new issue. Is the United States Seebecktized?

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A New Canadian Issue.

The *Toronto Globe*, the leading organ of the Liberal party in Canada, in speaking of the new U.S. stamps, bemoans the fact that Canada has not had a new set for so may years, and suggests that Canada adopt the designs of the new series,—— by annexing Canada to the States! The editor of the *Globe* is to be thanked for his useful suggestion, but as we have existed on our current issue for twenty years, we can stand it for twenty years longer, in preference to securing a new issue by annexation. This is one of the *very* strong arguments brought forward by the Liberal party favoring annexation. We are thankful that these Liberal *traitors* are not more numerous than they are, and that the *loyal* Conservatives are in the majority,— and may they ever remain so! Canada will have a new issue of stamps in time—that is, when their old design and color begins to trouble the dreams of the Postmaster-General.

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Pr. Edward Island, 2d, rose, scarce	$ 20
British Columbia, 1868, 2c, brown	50
Native Indian States, 10 varieties	25
" " " 20 "	60
" " " 50 "	2 50
Puttialla State, 3 fine varieties	06
*Salvador, 1891, 10 varieties complete	35
*U. S. Interior, 1c and 2c, scarce	15
Spain, 50 fine varieties	50
U. S., 1857, 1c, blue	09
Azores, 3 choice varieties	05
U. Ss, 1847, 5c and 10c, fine	**2 60**
Argentine Republic, 12 varieties	10
Australia, 10 varieties	05
Bosnia, 7 varieties, complete	20
Bulgaria, 9 fine varieties	10
" unpaid, 1886, 5s and 25s	12
" " 1887, 5s and 25s	10
Bolivia, 1881, 4 varieties, complete, cheap	07
Belgium Postal Packet, 5 varieties	10
*Saxony, 1863, 5 varieties	10
British Columbia, 3d, blue, scarce	50
" " 1861, 2½d, pink, perf	1 40
" " 1865, 10c, blue, unsevered pair	2 75
*Cuba, 1890, ½ to 8 mil, 6 varieties	10
" " 1892, " " " " "	10
*Canada, Registration, 5c, blue	1 00
Cuba, 25 varieties, a bargain	50
Canada, 1859, 1, 5, 10, 12½, 17 cent	90
*Samoa, 1877-82, 8 varieties complete, reprints	15
Nova Scotia, 1d, fine	50
" " 3d, "	95
" " 2c mauve	25
" " 5c blue	11
Egypt, unpaid, 1889, 4 varieties complete	20
Egypt, 6 varieties	05
Greece, 8 varieties	05
*Holkar, 1892, ¼, ½, 1 and 2 annas	25
Portugal, 1875-79, 150 and 300 reis	12
Portugal, 13 fine varieties	10
Russia, 12 varieties	10
Sweden, 10 varieties	5
Portuguese Indies, 3 varieties	5
Italy, 12 varieties	5
"New Brunswick 1, 2, 5 and 17c., a bargain	**40**
"New Brunswick 2 and 5c., a bargain	**10**
Newfoundland, 3 cent, brown	3
Canada, 1868, 1c watermarked maker's name	1 00
" 1868, 1c red-brown	12
*Canada, 1868, 12½c blue	30
Canada, 1858, ½d pink, fine	4 40
" 1858, 3d red, fine	1 50
" 1852, 3d red	60
" 1852, 6d violet	3 50
*Puttialla State, error "Auttialla" red sch	1 00
Mexico, 1884, 50c. green, cheap	**8**
Mexico, 1884, 1 peso, blue	**30**
Mexico, 20 and 25, scarlet	5
" 10 varieties, including 20 cent	10
" 1856-92, 50 varieties	1 00
" Revenues, 10 fine varieties	10
" " 15 "	25
" " 25 "	50
" " 50 "	1 00
Canada, 1859, 10c violet	17
" 1870, 3c laid paper	1 50
U. S., 1851, 1c blue	16
Canada Bill, 10 varieties	5
Puerto Rico, 25 varieties, a bargain	50
U. S., 1869, 6c blue	$ 30
" 1861-62, 1, 2 and 3c	05
*Canada, officially sealed, fine	1 75
U. S., 100 varieties	1 00
" 30 "	10
" Locals, 15 varieties	25
" American Rapid Telegraph, 16 var. complete	50
" Telegraph, 30 fine varieties	1 00
Sweden Losen, 10 varieties complete	18
" official, 11 " "	15
*Suez, 4 varieties complete (Scott's price, 65c)	15
Spain, 1850-54, only, 5 scarce varieties	15
Hungary, 1888, 1 kr. to 1 fl., 9 varieties, only	10
South America, 25 fine varieties	18
" " 50 choice "	50
Italy, unpaid, 1, 2, 5 and 10 lire, blue	**10**
Italy, unpaid, 50 and 100 lire	**30**
Roumania, 8 varieties	5
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, $2 red and black, original gum	75
" " $3 green and black, original gum	75
*Baden, 1862-68, 5 varieties, cheap	5
*Sarawak, 1892, 1c on 3c, brown on yellow	6
" " " blue and black	6
*Bogota, ½c black	2
*Bolivar, 1c "	2
Western Australia, 1889, 1 and 2d, cheap	**10**
Western Australia, 3 varieties	5
100 varieties, very cheap at	10
200 " a bargain	45
300 " cheap	80
500 " very fine, no revenues	2 00
1000 " " "	6 50
Newfoundland, 1866, 12c pink	40
New Brunswick, 3d, fine	2 25
*Nowanugger, ¼, 1, 2, 3 livera	12
10 Philatelic Papers, post free	11
Turkey, 10 varieties	10
*U. S. officially sealed	5
U. S., 1861, 5c brown	20
Italy, 25 varieties	12
Canada, 50 varieties	1 00
Manitoba Law, 4 varieties, fine	15
Supreme Court $5, very rare	3 75
Canada Gas Inspection, 25, 50, $1, $1.50, $2, the set	40
Philipine Isles, 1889, 4 varieties	10
" " 1890, "	10
Great Britain, 1854, 6d violet, octagonal, rare	30
*Chamba State, 2 varieties	7
Gibraltar, 2 varieties	6
Canada, 1858, ½d. on original envelope, fine	4 50
Canada, 1857, ½d. " " "	1 50
Canada, 1851, 3d. fine	16
Canada Envelope, 1860, 5c., cut square	1 20
Perak, 1892, 1c. green	3
Supreme Court of Canada, 6 varieties complete, fine	5 00
U. S., 1861, 90c. blue	1 40
U. S., 1872, 7c. vermilion	30
Newfoundland, 1872, 2c., 50c., blue and rose	25
*Morocco, 5c. green	3

U. S. UNUSED AND ENTIRE ENVELOPES.

1886, 4c. green, white paper	15
" 4c. " " " official size	20
" 4c. " manilla, amber paper	15
1887, 4c. carmine, blue paper	20
" 4c. " buff "	20
" 5c. blue, blue paper	20
" 5c. " buff "	20

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	10.	100.
Argentine, ¼ cent, green	5	30
" 1892, ½ cent, blue	8	65
" " 1 cent, brown	15	—
" " 2 cent, green	25	—
Bogota, ½ cent, black	10	75
British North Borneo, ½ cent, rose	12	—
Bavaria, 1870, 1 kr. green and 3 kr. rose	5	25
Canada, Register, 2 cent, orange	30	2 90
Canada, ½ cent, black	8	60
Canada, 1868, 12½ cent, blue	2 50	22 25
Cape Verd, crown, 25 reis, rose	20	—
Chamba State, assorted	25	1 75
Costa Rica, ½ cent, real blue	10	75
Ecuador, 7 var., evenly assorted	10	95
Morocco, 5c. green	20	1 75
Mozambique, crown, 25 reis, rose	25	2 00
New Brunswick, 1 cent, violet	75	7 00
" " 2 cent, orange	45	4 25
" " 5 cent, green	25	2 25
" " 17 cent, black	2 00	19 00
Peru, 1876, 10 cent, green	10	75
Sardinia, newspaper, 1 cent, black	5	35
Seychelles, 2c. green and rose	20	1 40
St. Thomas and Prince, 25 reis, rose	20	1 90
St. Thomas and Prince, 50 reis, blue	25	2 00
" 15 cent, blue	5	20
Switzerland, 1874, 2 cent, bister	5	30
" 1878, 40 cent, gray	5	45
" 1882, 5 cent, brown	5	30
" 1882, 20 cent, yellow	5	35
" 1862, 10 cent, rose	5	30
Sarawak, 1892, 1 cent on 3 cent, brown on yellow	40	—
" " 1 cent on 3 cents, black and blue	40	—
" " 1 cent	25	—
Straits Settlements, 1892, 1 cent, green	20	—
U. S. Interior Department, 1 cent, vermilion	1 00	9 00
" " " 2 " "	50	4 25
" officially sealed	25	25

USED STAMPS.

	10.	100.
Argentine Republic, well ass	5	45
" " 1890, 5 cent, red	5	40
Australian assortment	—	20
Azores, 1882, 5r, slate	20	—
" 1887, 25r, lilac	14	—
" 1882, 5r, blue	20	—
Austria, 1892, 30 kr, brown	13	1 25
Bolivia, assorted	15	1 30
Bavaria, 1 mark, violet	15	—
Brazil, well assorted	5	45
British Guiana, 1876, 1 cent, slate	10	70
Canada Revenues, well assorted	**7**	**50**
" " 2 cent, orange	7	60
" 1891, 1 cent, green	5	50
" 1889, 2 cent, mauve	5	45
" four varieties, finely assorted	6	55
Canada, 1882, ½ cent, black	5	45
" register, 2 cent, orange	5	45
" " 2 cent, carmine	10	65
" " 5 cent, green	5	40
" 1859, 1 cent, pink	25	2 45
" " 5 cent, red	16	1 50
" 1853, 3d, red	1 60	15 00
Dutch Indies, assorted	5	45
Foreign Revenues, very finely assorted	**10**	**75**
Gibraltar, 2 varieties, assorted	25	1 90
India, well assorted	5	20
Italy, well assorted	—	10
Italy, unpaid, 50 and 100 lire, evenly assorted	1 40	12 25
Japan, 2 sen., red	—	10
Japan, 15 sen., violet	5	25
Jamaica, well assorted	5	40
Malta, 2½, blue	20	1 75
Mexico, official, brown	10	60
Mexican Revenues, finely assorted	**10**	**70**
" 1888, 10 cent, scarlet	4	20
" " 20 " "	20	1 50
" " 25 " "	30	2 50
" 1884, 50 cent, green	70	6 00
Newfoundland, 3 cent, brown	15	1 25
New Zealand, ½, 1, 2d, assorted	—	15
Norway, well assorted	—	15
New South Wales, assorted	5	20
Nova Scotia, 3d, blue	8 25	—
" 5 cent, blue	1 20	11 00
Portuguese Indies, 1886, 6r, green	20	—
Puttialla State Service, ½a, green	15	1 25
" " " 1a, brown	25	2 00
" " " 3 var., assorted	20	1 75
Portugal, 1879, 150 ries, yellow	40	3 75
South Australia, 1887, 6d, blue	15	1 20
" " assorted		15
Switzerland, finely assorted		10
Portugal, finely assorted	—	15
South America, finely assorted	—	50
Sweden, finely assorted		15
Spain, well assorted	—	15
Travancore, 1 ch, blue	25	—
United States Revenue, 2c orange, U. S. I. R.	—	10
" " " 2c " Bank check	—	10
" " " 2c blue, "	—	10
" " 1872, 1c blue	—	10
" " 1872, 3c green	—	10
" " 1882, 2c claret	—	8
" " 1884, 4c carmine	15	1 40
" " 1890, 4, 5 and 10 assorted	5	25
Victoria, 1884, 3d, bister	20	1 90
" 4d, carmine	20	1 90
Victoria, assorted	5	20
Western Australia, 1889, 1d rose	40	3 25
" " " 2d slate	55	5 00
" " 1890, 1d rose	10	90

STAMPS BY THE 1,000.

*Means Unused.	Per 1000	Per 5000
Argentine, finely assorted	3 75	17 50
Brazil, finely assorted	4 00	19 00
British Guiana, well assorted	3 80	18 00
Canada, 1859, 5c red	16 00	75 00
" " 1c pink	25 00	—
" Register, 5c green	3 50	15 00
per 100,000, $275		
" common, well assorted	35	1 50
per 100,000, $25		
Mexico, '88, 10c scarlet	1 50	7 00
" " 20c "	13 00	55 00
" finely assorted	3 50	15 00
Mexico, official brown	5 00	20 00
*New Brunswick, 5c green	20 00	98 00
* " " 2c orange	40 00	190 00
New Zealand, well assorted	1 40	6 00
Portugal, "	1 20	6 00
Sardinia, 1 and 15c, assorted	2 25	—
United States Postage Due, 2c	1 50	—
" " Revenues, 3 var., finely ass	1 50	6 00
United States, 1872, 1c blue	90	4 00
" " " 3c green	80	3 50
" " 1882, 2c claret	65	3 00

SETS OF STAMPS.

†Means Unused.	3 Sets.	10 Sets.
†Ecuador, 1872-87, 1 to 50c, 7 varieties	20	60
" " 1c to 1 peso, 11 var	75	2 00
†Suez, 4 var., complete	45	1 25
†New Brunswick, 1, 2, 5, 17c	1 10	3 25
Unused stamps, 10 fine var	15	40
British Guiana, 4 var	10	20
Mexico, current, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c	35	3 00
Italy, Segnatasse, 1, 2, 5, 10 lire	15	45
" " 50 to 100 "	90	2 50
Puttialla Service, 3 var	20	55
†Samoa, 1st issue, 8 var. complete	35	95
Canada, 20 varieties	25	80
Canada, 50 varieties	2 25	6 50
100 variety packets	25	75
1000 " "	18 00	60 00
Angola, 1886, 5, 25 and 50 r	20	60
Portugal, 2½ to 100 reis, 12 var		65
Russia, 12 fine var		60

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A WINTER EVENING.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

The grim north wind is blowing chill,
The winter night is cold and clear ;
The moon has thrown her gleaming light
Across the city, far and near ;

The window-pane is dimmed with frost,
Few footsteps echo on the street :
'Tis then I sit down by my fire,
And there enjoy its welcome heat.

'Tis then, when business hours are done,
I draw my album from its place ;
'Tis then, in looking o'er my stamps,
A smile of pleasure lights my face.

The darkness now has grown so deep
That I arise and light the lamps,
Then settle in my easy chair
To read and study of my stamps.

What pleasures can you show me, that
With such an evening can compare ?
What other hobby has the power
To charm away all pain and care ?

Our daily troubles fade away
When Philatelia reigns supreme ;
When at her shrine we sacrifice,
Life is a sweet and pleasant dream.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

A PHILATELIC BLUNDER.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

IT was one of those select schools, or academies, situated in staid old New England, where a class of ninety boys sought to obtain an education. The academy was noted for its strictness, and the tutors, especially "Old Grimes," as the boys called Professor Grimsby, was ever on the alert to catch us performing some of those pranks which had horrified one faculty of late. Of course, among a large class of ninety active, restless boys, it would have proven difficult to lay the blame on any one person, so one guilty had shared alike with the guiltless, and had gone unpunished. But this had only served to make the teacher more alert and watchful, so it was only with extreme caution that the daring few continued to indulge in their midnight escapades. Of course, we never practised any downright mean tricks ; they were totally harmless pranks, and were indulged in only with a view of annoying the teachers and faculty. There were just five of us who belonged to the oath-bound organization known to us as the Kro-Kum Club, and to these might be laid the whole series of deviltries which had horrified the whole faculty.

It happened that all of us were stamp-collectors ; and as we were constant companions, probably for this sole reason we had formed this club to have a little fun ; and as brother collectors we had implicit confidence in each other, and felt we were safe, for we well knew there were no traitors in our camp. There was one other fellow who was known in college as "Jack Ashley," who was a good friend of ours, but who was not a stamp collector nor a member of the "K.K.K." He was our boon and constant companion on every other exploit save our nocturnal rambles. He had a mild suspicion that it was our jolly crowd of five who were the objects of the professor's wrath, so one night he startled us by asking us about it outright. We felt that we could trust him, and so we "acknowledged the corn." He at once fell into our project, and wanted to join our club, asking the requirements and qualifications for membership. We told him of the iron-clad oath not to reveal any of our doings, and that every member of the "K. K. K." must be a stamp collector. This clause had been inserted in our rude constitution, though why we did not know, probably because we felt more like trusting a brother collector. Of the oath he made no fuss, he was willing to take that, but he was not a stamp collector, but he was eager to enroll himself with us, so he promised to commence collecting. A few days thereafter an album was secured, and Jack Ashley sought to gain honors in the philatelic field.

But he was not cut out for a philatelist ; he studied his stamps diligently, but could not become interested. As some one has said, "Poets are born, not made," so I have been led to believe of philatelists. He could tell a triangular Good Hope from a U.S. Interior, and that was about all. But he was admitted as a member of our club, and thereafter the nightly escapades were graced by his presence.

We had secret meetings in one of our rooms, usually mine and Harry Brantford's, my room-mate, at irregular intervals, and had a code of signals—a password, countersign, and other like mysteries, nearly all of which were philatelic terms, and which we changed frequently, thus an obsolete password would not admit after a new one was in vogue.

But to the amusing blunder, which was enjoyed hugely by at least five of the school and came near putting a quietus to our pranks. We had been having a jolly time all through the week. One night we secured seven or eight large cow-bells and suspended them directly under the president's window, with cords attached which trailed along the ground and reached to a copse of trees near the tennis-court, which was to the south of the academy. I have forgotten to say that my room faced the south, and we had constructed a rope-ladder with which we descended after all had assembled in my room, and as soon as we had reached the ground we left the ladder in its place so that we might quickly ascend.

Just as soon as we had given the cord, which was attached to the bells, two or three good pulls, and set the deep-toned melodies (?) afloat on the midnight air, we stole softly in the shelter of the trees to that place where our ladder touched *terra firma* directly beneath my window, our retreat being covered by a dense growth of lilac bushes, which grew at the south side of the school. One by one we ascended the ladder, and when we had all entered the room, at least what we supposed to be the entire force of the Kro-Kum-Club, we tiptoed carefully to our rooms, all save Harry Brantford and myself, for through our room we had entered. In our haste to get to our respective rooms, we had forgotten to "count noses," but of course we were all there.

We expected the Professor would make a visit to each room immediately and see who were absent, if any, but luckily this was not carried out on this particular evening. We heard a stir down stairs, in the vicinity of the Professor's room, which we rightly interpreted to be the teachers and Professor investigating; but at last all s.ttled down, quiet was restored, and Harry and I were sleeping soundly. Suddenly we were aroused from our slumbers by some one stealing in at our window. Both of us jumped out of bed, half asleep, and blurted out, "Friend or foe, advance and give countersign."

It chanced that our password that evening was "*Egypt*," and when we had told Jack Ashley of it the day before we had sought to impress it upon his memory by telling him that Egypt was the country on whose stamps the pyramid appeared. As we rushed towards the intruder, we listened breathlessly for that magic word, but it was not forthcoming; he blurted out, "*Nicaragua*," and with a mighty push we shoved the intruder backwards, heard a crash and a splash below, not thinking how he had managed to ascend to our window; in fact, we were two-thirds asleep; we jumped into bed and were soon asleep.

Some time after that, probably an hour, I felt a hand on my shoulder, and was aware some one had been shaking me. Rising to a sitting posture in the bed, I saw some one before me. I touched Harry, and soon both of us were gazing into the Stygian darkness trying to penetrate its depths.

Just then, a sullen voice said, "Well, you boys played a low-down, mean trick on me." We recognized the voice of our fellow-companion, Jack Ashley, and we were now fully awake. "Why, how's that?" we asked, much surprised. "Why, you ran off and left me," he continued, "and after pulling that bell-rope, I had to wait until the storm blew over before I dared come in. Then I came under this window and found the ladder still hanging from the window and came up. I was trying to get in when you and Harry halted me, and when I was asked the countersign I thought of the stamp that had the pyramid on and answered, '*Nicaragua*.' You pushed me out, and I fell right into the hogshead of rain water. I fished myself out, and here I am."

We nearly killed ourselves with laughter at his philatelic blunder in giving the countersign. But Jack went to his room, leaving us to wonder how we were so careless as to leave that ladder hanging from our window. Had it been left till morning it would have convicted us, sure. Jack changed his clothes and hung his wet garments in the closet to dry, and thus our little adventure cost us nothing. We soon tired of our pranks and thereafter pursued our studies with more energy. Jack is now a systematic and enthusiastic collector, and we often laugh over our college pranks and his so nearly fatal, to us, philatelic blunder.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

THE YOUNG COLLECTOR.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

The young collector lives within,
A realm of perfect bliss;
His pulses thrill as if arsoused
By love's impassioned kiss;
The sky assumes a brighter hue,
The earth has gladder grown;
He looks on happiness and joy,
And claims them for his own.

What matters it if album fail
To prove exactly new,
If stamps are fastened side by side
With Smither's patent glue,
If sundry issues find a place
They ne'er have known before,
Or margins show where sticky hands
Have turned the pages o'er.

What matters it if revenues
Are given postal place;
If handsome hordes of counterfeits
Lend crowded pages grace;
If envelopes are cut to shape
Or heedless thrown aside;
Or Australians have found repose
Where Finlands should abide.

What matters it if watermarks
Have never caused him groans,
If shades and dies and "outer lines"
He haughtily disowns;
If white and pink are both the same
To his excited mind,
Or grilles that range from large to small
Seem all of equal kind.

The young collector, spite of all,
Is happy as the day;
He treads a path that seems to him
A bright and shining way;
I'd not disturb his dream of bliss
Nor darken smiling skies,
Since time will tear the veil aside
That hangs before his eyes.

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LOCAL SOCIETIES.

BY W. CULLEN BROWN.

SECOND PAPER.

ORGANIZATION completed, proper management and running of a local society constitutes the *life* of the society. A ship with a dozen captains will not be successful; a man with two masters cannot serve both. The same argument applies to a local society. Its management must be in skilful, intelligent hands, not left to the members in general, for, if this is done, a very mixed state of affairs will result.

In our last paper we had reached that stage where the first meeting was called. Now this first meeting is as it were the testing time, in which all the energies which the organizer can bring to bear will be required. Perfect order is first to be desired, but hard to secure, especially if the collectors are of the younger class. When your meeting is called to order, nomi-

nate your best man as *Chairman, pro tem* ; if possible an older collector, who is respected by the others, and *as a rule* this will ensure perfect order.

Your Chairman secured, the next step will be to elect a Secretary, *pro tem*, who will keep the records of the first meeting. The best and most satisfactory method of voting is by ballot. Appoint from among those present two scrutineers to take charge of the distributing and collection of ballots. This done, the first step will be to select a suitable name for the society ; by calling for a number of nominations and leaving it open for discussion, the interest of those present will be secured, especially as the name is generally an important point. The election of officers is the next step succeeding the selection of the name. If the number present is large, I would recommend that the full list of officers as given below be elected ; if however on the other hand you have but few prospective members, combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, and those of Auction and Exchange Department with that of the Sales and Purchasing Agent. It will be necessary to elect in order the following officers :—

President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; Librarian; Auction Manager and Exchange Superintendent; Sales and Purchasing Agent; and an Auditor, whose duty it will be to examine the reports and books of the officers at least once a month.

Your officers elected, a few hints as to the best methods of running and duties of officers will not be amiss.

The President shall preside at all meetings ; the Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President ; the Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the society, and I would suggest that the reports kept be *full* and *minute*. The Secretary should also be instructed to forward reports of each meeting to such papers as publish the same. Many of the leading papers do this, and make no charge. The duty of the Librarian shall be to take charge of such books and papers as may be donated by the members to the Society. The Librarian also takes charge of the counterfeit collection if there be one. The Auction Manager and Exchange Superintendent takes charge of the auctions and exchange business of the club, while the Sales and Purchasing Agent takes charge of the selling and buying of the club. An Executive Committee composed of all the officers is usually added.

A constitution and by-law is one of the first necessities for the guidance of the club and its officers. At your organizing meeting have a committee appointed to draft a constitution and present it at the following meeting. In the small space alloted me it will be impossible to give the duties of officers to any greater extent than has been done above.

As a first-class order of business I would suggest the following : I.—Opening. II.—Minutes of preceding meeting. III.—Secretary's report. IV.—Treasurer'sreport. V.—Librarian's Report. VI.—Report of Auction Manager and Exchange Superintendent. VII.—Report of Sales and Purchasing Agent. Committees' reports. VIII.—Unfinished business. IX.—New business. X.—Readings and discussions. XI.—Auction sale. XII.—Closing.

Sale or exchange of stamps should be prohibited during meeting hours. The library should be in such a position that it could be used at each meeting. Do the above and do your best and success is yours.

It is my hope that the few crude hints I have thrown out in these two articles may be of use to the readers of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, and may lead to the organization of many local societies and the benefit of our beloved science.

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WRITING FOR THE PHILATELIST PRESS.

FIRSTLY, have something to write about, and don't wander over two or three pages with no fixed subject. The next thing after a subject, is to present it in a pleasing manner.

Original matter is in demand at a good price, but old, dry, "mummified" statistics and old matter wrought over in a different form are not worth the paper they are written on to a wide-awake, representative magazine, but such is often published by third-rate sheets.

The greatest detriment is, that many publishers will not give a fair price for good original matter, thus offering no encouragement to a writer. Publishers generally want to give advertising space in payment for articles ; some will give good stamps, and a *very* few give the "cold, hard" cash.

Instructive articles on stamps are the most acceptable, not just the information a collector can get from a common catalogue. as there is no excuse for not having one, and stories are also in demand, but do not command the price of the former.

In regard to disposing of articles, it is always best to send an article to the editor of a magazine for examination, than to write first asking if he can use an article. It is very seldom a first-class magazine will decline an original article unless it is on account of the high price asked. Good articles should be worth from $2.00 to $3.00 per thousand words, in good stamps or cash. Of course, you must always enclose return postage when sending articles ; but, of course, if an editor requests an article, you need not enclose postage for return. It is best to set a price on your work, and not leave the editor to decide.

First and last, always remember that *originality* will win the day.

W. A. WITHROW.

THE LONDON PHILATELIC CLUB.

The fourth regular meeting of the London Philatelic Club was held at their rooms, the W.C.T.U. parlors, on Monday evening, Feb. 6th. Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock, Vice-President Stæbler in the chair. Minutes of preceding meeting were read and adopted. Mr. Bernstein handed in his resignation as auction manager, which was accepted after considerable discussion. It was decided to create a new department—that of a sales and purchasing agent. Mr. W. C. Benson was elected as Exchange Superintendent and Auction Manager. Mr. C. B. Chapman was elected Sales and Purchasing Agent. The reading of the by-laws and constitution was finished, and, with amendments, adopted. For important reasons, it was decided to again change the meeting night, making it Wednesday, as it originally was. A number of members promised some interesting papers for the next meeting. An auction sale will also be held Members present : Messrs. Stæbler, Dickson, Benson, Stockwell, Bernstein, Bartram, Chapman, Boyd, McMartin, and three visitors. Next meeting will be held in the rooms of the club, Wednesday, Feb. 22. A full attendance is requested.

It is estimated that there 6,000 postmistresses in the U. S.

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A GHOST STORY.

BY H. E. O'NEIL.

WHILE I was staying with an uncle of mine in Southern New York it was that it happened. One day I was sitting on the verandah when my uncle came to me and asked me if I ever heard the tale about the old Leighton House; I told him I had not, when he related the following :

"About twenty years ago, when I first came here, there lived a man in that old house on the hill by the name of Leighton. He had lived there for thirty years I was told. He lived all alone, and people thought he had gold hidden in the house, and it did not change the belief much when he was found murdered, and the big oak chest in the garret broken into. The proper authorities took possession of the house, and a search was made for a will, but none was found ; but in the great oak chest in the garret they found large bundles of letters, and on opening some of these they found they were ten years old, and all from a certain John Logan, who lived in L——. They at once went to L—— to find John Logan, and all they could find out was that he left suddenly about ten years before, and that he never was heard of since that time. As the officers could not find any trace of his family, the house went to the State. The house was closed up and has never been opened since, although some people had enough curiosity to go in through the windows and look the place over."

As he finished, he left me, and I closed my eyes to think, and it did not take me long to come to the conclusion to visit the old house to see if I could get stamps, so I got up and started to go to the house. I soon reached it and found it to be an old-fashioned house. I also saw that it was a two-story house with a garret. I soon found my way to the rear of the house and had no trouble in entering it and finding myself in what was used as a sitting-room. From this room I found my way into the hall, and had no difficulty in finding my way to the garret.

Glancing around, I spied the chest in the farther end of the room ; it was about six feet long, four feet high, and about four feet wide, and on close examination I found it to be made of oak plank two inches thick. After brushing away the cobwebs, I stepped in and began to undo one of the packages of letters, and the first stamp that met my eye was 5 Black New York, and in my excitement I did not notice that the cover was falling until it went bang and I was in total darkness. I forgot all about the stamps and began to think of a way to get out. I did not even have the pleasure of taking more stamps, as it was total darkness in the chest. I tried several times to open it, but it was a spring lock, and it locked very securely when it fell. At last, after many vain attempts to push up the cover, I fell exhausted on the bottom of the chest. Hour after hour passed, and all at once I heard a groan that made my hair stand on end, and I heard the regular dripping of something. All at once the story of the murder came to my mind, and I fainted. How long I would have stayed there in the chest I do not know if my uncle had not come and woke me up to go to supper.

Part of the above is true, and I did afterward visit the old house and found many stamps which paid me for the trouble of my trip.

CURIOUS STYLE OF ENDING LETTERS.

Anyone in the habit of perusing old letters is struck with the tone of great humility and deference which pervades the correspondence of our ancestors.

A few specimens of the style of beginning and ending letters may prove interesting as in striking contrast to the laconic "yours obediently," "faithfully" or "truly" of the present day. It would certainly be difficult to match the following subscription of a letter from the Duke of Shrewsbury to Sir Thomas Haumer, dated September, 1713; "I desire you will believe that wherever I am I shall always endeavor to deserve, and very much value, your friendship, being with a sincere esteem, sir, your most faithful and obedient servant—Shrewsbury."

Frequently one meets with bellicose subscriptions, as in the case of the Earls of Huntly and Errol, who, in 1594, threatened "awful consequences" to the magistrates of Aberdeen unless they released certain gentlemen imprisoned in their city, and subscribed, "Yours as ye will, ether present peac or weir."

The notorious Simon, Lord Lovat, who lost his head on Tower Hill for treason, was the most courtly of correspondents. Upon April 8, 1716, he concludes a letter to the Jacobite Countess of Seaforth, thus : "I am, with true friendship and a great respect, madam, your ladyship's most obedient and most humble servant—Lovat."

Gen. Cadogan, the officer in command against the rebels in 1716, writes to the same countess, threatening her tenants with military execution unless they deliver up their arms, and concludes : "I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect and consideration, madam, your ladyship's most obedient and most obliged humble servant—Wm. Cadogan."

Yet, notwithstanding his servility he does not hesitate, when writing to the secretary of state, upon the same day, to characterize the countess as a "veritable she devil who would get the better of Satan himself."

"IT PAYS"

To advertise in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST. The following firm had a 2-inch ad. in our December issue. Read what they say :—

Harriston, Ont., Feb. 3, 1892.

Mr. L. M. Stæbler :

Dear Sir,—Enclosed find advertisement for Exchange Department and payment for the same. * * We are more than pleased with the results of our advt. in your December issue. We have **already received 83 replies** from the same.

Yours truly,

CANADIAN STAMP CO.

Are your Files

Of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST complete? If not, now is the time to complete them. The supply of back numbers is small. While they last they can be had at the following prices : Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17 at 10c. each. Nos. 7 and 16 are 25c. each. Complete your files before it is too late.

The London Philatelic Club have decided to hold auction sales at each of their meetings. This will prove a special attraction and will very materially assist our growth.

Auction Department.

[Matters relating to Auction Sales, and prices realized, will be published in this department each month.]

C. H. Holden's January Sale.

Muskegon, Mich., Jan. 25th.—At my monthly sale here to-day, a pair of New Brunswick shillings sold for $85, while a strip of the U. S. 90c., 1869, unused, brought $25. Good prices were realized.

Albrecht & Co.'s 10th Sale.

New York, Jan. 25.—Messrs. Albrecht & Co. concluded their 10th sale here to-night. The prices realized were good. We append some of the principal prices realized :—

U. S., 1851, 5c. brown, unused, fine	$17 25
" 1860, 90c. blue, " with o. g.	5 00
" 1868, " fine copy	9 30
" 1869, 24c. uncancelled	6 05
" " 30c. "	5 05
" " 90c. used	8 25
" 1888, 30c. (130 copies)	58 50
" Justice, 90c. used	15 00
" State, 1c. to 90c., set	9 90
Br. Columbia, $1 green, unused, perf. 12½	12 40
Ionian Isles, '59. official seal, unused	5 00
Nova Scotia, 1d., red brown, fine copy	3 20
Switzerland, Balse, 2½c. crimson and blue, new	20 25
" Neufchatel, 2½c. red and black	5 75

Hadlow's Thirteenth Sale.

London, Dec. 11.—Mr. Hadlow concluded a two night's sale of *English stamps only* last evening. The following are a few of the best prices realized —

	£.	s.	d.
Victoria & Albert, essay, embossed, in blue on white	2	10	0
House of Parliament envelopes, 8 var. of 1d.	6	0	0
Black Mulready, proof, on India paper	7	10	0
V. R., 1d. black, on official envelope	8	2	6
1d. black, block of 45	7	10	0

Hadlow's Fourteenth Sale.

London, Dec. 17.—At this sale this evening good prices were realized. I append a few below :—

	£.	s.	d.
Saxony, 3 pf	3	6	0
Cape Woodblock, 1d. red, fine	2	10	0
" " 4d. blue, large margins	2	2	0
Newfoundland, 6½d. vermilion	2	18	0
Nevis, 6d. lithographed	2	4	0
New Brunswick, ½ of 1d. and ½ of 3d , 7½d on original cover	4	12	6
Nova Scotia, 1d. strip of three	2	4	6
Sydney Letter Sheet on blue, entire and used	3	17	6
New Zealand, 1d. green, pin perf	3	5	0
Victoria, 6d. orange, beaded oval, damaged	2	6	0
Western Australia, 1st issue 2d, printed on both sides	3	3	0

Messrs. Chevely & Co.

London, Dec. 3.—The thirty-third sale of Chevely & Co. was concluded to-night. It contained many rare Australians. I give the list of those that brought £15 or more :—

	£.	s.	d.
N.S.W., Sydney, 1d, plate I, complete plate	30	0	0
" " " " II, " "	38	0	0
" " 2d, " I, " "	33	0	0
" " " " II, " "	26	10	0
" " " " III, " " except No. 5, 9 and 16	19	0	0
" Sydney, 2d , plate IV, complete plate			
" " 3d., complete plate	18	10	0
" Laureated, registered, impf., complete plate	30	0	0
" Laureated, 2d, stars, 39 of the 50 types	20	0	0
" " 3d, no wink, complete	17	10	0

Scott Stamp and Coin Co.

The 117th sale of above firm was held in New York on Dec. 13th and 14th. Total amount of sale, $4,985 ; 971 lots. Sold without reserve. A few prices :—

New York, 1843, 3c. blue, fine	$ 22 00
U. S., 1857, 5c. red-brown, unused	10 40
" 1868, 3c., embossed all over	14 60
" 1870, 12c. embossed	14 50
Cape, woodblock, dark blue	10 05
Ceylon, 1857, 6d. on bluish paper, unused	18 00
Nevis, 6d. olive	5 50
Newfoundland, 5c. brown, unused	3 25
Nova Scotia, slip of 5, 6d.	30 00
Pacific Steam Co., pair 1 real, blue	72 00
Spain, 1853, 2 reals, scarlet, unused	28 00
Victoria, 5s., blue on yellow	22 60

Scott Stamp & Coin Co.

New York, Jan. 26.—The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. concluded a four days' sale to-night. It took place on Jan. 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th. This sale was the most successful, and realized a greater amount than any previous sale ever held on the American continent. Many of the varieties brought extremely high prices. The total amount realized was $9,765.-51. The collection was that of Mr. Geo. Hencken. We append a list of the stamps which realized $25 or over :—

St. Louis, 5c. black, die A, clipped at one side	$ 46 00
" 10c. " " slightly scraped	33 50
U. S., 1856, 24c. lilac, unused, fine	25 00
" 1869, 15c. centre inverted, fine	69 00
" Newspaper, 848 brown, unused	26 00
" " $60 violet, "	31 00
" P. O. envelope, entire, 3c. on white	30 50
" Local, Glen Haven, 1855, 1c green on orig. env.	42 00
Athens, Ga., 5c. purple, narrow paid, on orig. env.	46 00
Baton Rouge, La , 5c. green and carmine, on orig. env.	55 50
Lenoir, N. C., 5c. blue and orange, fine	65 25
Mobile, Ala., 2c. black, rare and fine	33 25
Nashville, Tenn., 10c. green, lightly cancelled, fine	61 00
Afghanistan, 1875, ½r., mauve, type 400, unused, fine	42 80
Br. Guiana, 1856, 4c. red, type 757, lower corners trimmed	42 00
Br. Guiana, 1862, prov. 2c. yellow, crossed ovals, fine	25 50
" " " 4c. blue, hearts & heads, fine, unused	43 25
Same used	36 75
Canada, 1858, 6d lilac, unused	27 00
U. S. of Columbia, 1868, 20c. red, used, rare	35 00
Antioquia, 1878, 10c. violet, slightly nicked, used	35 00
Bolivar, 1863, 10c. green, used, rare	28 50
Tolima, 1870, 5c. black, buff laid battonne paper, used.	41 00
Dominican Republic, 1862, 1r., green, pen cancelled	26 50
" " 1865, 1r., straw, used, fine	16 50
Labuan, 1883, 2c. on 16c. blue, surch'd in cap., rare	32 00
Maderia, 1868, unperf. 5r. black, black surch'd. used	27 00
Mauritius, 1848, 2d. blue, bluish paper, early impress.	25 50
" 1856, 2d. " (fillet head), used, damaged.	46 00
" sur., 1863, 1s. yellow, on thin bluish paper.	51 00
Mexico, 1864, Eagle, 3c. brown, unused	29 00
Guadulagara, 1876, ½Medio r., wove paper, unsevered pair, used	36 00
New Brunswick, 1851, 1s., violet, used, fine	40 50
Newfoundland, 1s., scarlet vermilion, used	48 00
Another damaged	26 25
Newfoundland, 6½d. scarlet vermilion, on original letter, fine	27 50
Nova Scotia, 1s violet, uncancelled	37 90
Peru, 1858, medio peso, rose, fine, rare	56 00
Roumania, Moldavia, 1858, 54p., blue on green, laid p.	32 00
Spain, 1851, 2r. orange, used	71 00
" 1852, 2r , red, unused	33 00
" 1853, Madrid, 3c. bronze, unused	25 25
Another used	25 10
Spain, 1857, 25 m. de r., blue and rose, centre inverted, unused	40 25
Switzerland, Geneva, 10c. green, used, fine	60 00
" Zurich, 1843, ver. lines, 4r. black, used.	67 00
" Vaud, 1848, 4r. red and black, used	48 50
Tuscany, 1860, 3 lire, ochre, used	136 25
Western Australia, 1875, 1d. on 2d., yellow, bl'k surcharge, used	50 00

Chevely & Co.

London, Dec. 23.—Mr. Chevely concluded a two night's sale of 446 lots last night. A few prices :—

	£.	s.	d.
Gibraltar, 30r., varieties	2	0	0
Spain, 1852, 2r., fine	3	0	0
Moldavia, 1st issue, 108 paras	18	0	0
Cape, woodblock, 1d. blue, error	25	0	0
Natal, 1s., buff, very fine	26	0	0
U. S. Executive, complete set	2	16	0
" Baton Rogue, 5c	15	0	0
Canada, 7½d., green, fine	1	4	0
Nevis, 1st issue, 1s.		18	0
Victoria, 2s., green, rouletted	5	0	0

Messrs. Venton, Bull & Cooper.

Tokenhouse Yard, Dec. 10.—The above firm held a sale here this evening. We give below a few of the prices realized :—

	£.	s.	d.
Br. Guiana, 1850, 8c. consular, cut round	7	0	0
Lagos, 10., pence	2	0	0
Mauritius, 1848, 1d., unused	2	5	10
New Brunswick, 1/, fine	6	10	0
St. Vincent, 5/, star	2	6	0
Spain, 1854, 1r., light blue, used	4	8	0
Geneva, the double stamp joined	7	2	6
Turk's Islands, 1s., prune	4	0	0

Others are omitted for want of space.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

H. E. M., West Winsted, Conn. :—From what your description implies, your stamp is a revenue of Brazil, of no great value.

R. F. M., Charlottetown, P. E. I. :—(1.) The best Canadian Society is the P. S. of C., dues 50c. per year ; Secretary, H. F. Mooers, of Kingston, Ont. (2.) Tobacco stamps of Canada are collected by many and are hard to obt in. (3.) The Stamp Collector's Companion will be ready some time in March.

SHE BOUGHT POSTAGE STAMPS.

"Where did you buy that delicious perfume?" remarked a lady to a friend recently, upon detecting the exhalations of a most pleasing odor.

"At Blank Brothers," replied the person addressed, naming a prominent firm of chemists and perfumers. "They have a wonderful variety from which to select."

"Yes, I suppose so ; but then are they not dreadfully high in their prices? Druggists always get more for their wares than any other class of men."

"I suppose they do," remarked the owner of the perfume. "My husband says they charge twice as much as other people, and I suppose it must be so, but there seems to be no help for it."

"Oh, mamma," spoke up the youthful daughter of the lady, who had remained an interested auditor of the conversation. "I don't think druggists charge more than other folks."

"Why, what do you know about it, my dear? "What have you ever bought from them?"

"Oh, postal stamps and postal cards," came the quick reply from the little one ; "and," she added, "they don't charge no more for 'em than they do at the post-office."

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

CURRENT PHILATELIC TOPICS

FROM ACROSS THE BORDER.

"Another one gone." The *Missouri Philatelist*, which has sprung such a record in the arena, has sold out to Ralph P. Spooner, of *The Stamp*.

It is not generally known, I think, that the only specimen known of the Alexandria, Va., 5c black, rests securely in the album of John K Tiffany. This specimen could not be purchased for thousands.

There will soon be a change in the Columbian 1 cent stamp as it too closely resembles the special delivery stamp, and can be effectually used as a medicine label.

F. F. Gambs, of San Francisco fame, is said to be a successful photographer. A joke some years ago was enacted by him, and it was a costly one too ! He placed one of the rare Hawaiian Missionary Stamps which catalogue at over $100 in a 10 cent packet by mistake, and after he discovered his blunder offered $50 reward for its return. "But it never came back !"

In a glass frame, in the office of a prominent stamp dealer one can see in this condensed space such stamps as St. Louis 10 and 5c ; Baltimore Buchannan ; Brattleboro ; New York issues. While last, one gazes on the oft longed for "Millbury." Wonder who this dealer is?

H. E. Deats, like Von Ferarry, guards his stamps jealously in large steel vaults.

There is only one man or person I know of who possesses a genuine "Connell New Brunswick Stamp", and that is T. G. Sanders, of Omaha, Neb. He says he will not part with it !

Speaking of the above reminds one of the fact "who possesses a genuine Brattleboro," we read of so much? And some dealers have the nerve to list them in their catalogues.

A dealer in glassware had a quality of goods with fac-similes of U. S. coins for sale. He received a letter from a U. S. authority, asking him where and when he got the goods. The grocer replied to the query, answering all questions, and was told by the officer to keep strictly out of that business. I never heard what was done to the manufacturing company, but doubtless a seizure followed. The grocer says he has had experience enough in this line to keep out of the "reprint biz." He's wise!

Yours till the future,
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RE OUR HANDBOOK No. 1.

Your handbook No. 1, "The Stamps of British North America," just received. Was much pleased with it, and must say that it is the best work on Canadian stamps I have yet seen. Enclosed find 25 cents for your Handbook No. 2.

Yours truly,
FRANK M. LAWRENCESON.
Canton, O., Feb. 4, '92.

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. Bernstein, jr., of this city, has been compelled to retire, as editor, from the *Philatelic Journal of Canada*, Mr. H. S. Dickson having purchased full publishing rights from the former publisher, Mr. A. H. Crittenden, of Detroit. Mr. Bernstein also retires from the Stamp business, his studies taking up most of his time.

Mr. H. S. Dickson, of the *Philatelic Journal of Canada*, is also well known in Collegiate circles as publisher of the *Inter-Collegiate Monthly*, a small amateur paper.

Mr. J. Trinkaus, of Pekin, Ill., is a progressive philatelist. He is remarkable for the numerous "finds" which he picks up.

Mr. A. W. Lautz, also of Pekin, is the son of the Superintendent of Public Waterworks of that city. He possesses a good general collection, and makes a specialty of the stamps of U.S. and Mexico.

Mr. F. I. Weaver, of Berlin, Ont., collects Canadian Revenues only.

Mr. H. A. Peters, of Toronto, an old London collector, called on us December 29th last.

Mr. E. R. Marshall, Wyoming, Iowa, the popular auction and sales manager of the Iowa Philatelic Society, is the telegraph operator of the M., St. P. & C. Ry. at that place. His "pet" speciality is the U.S. revenues. Among his varieties are the $3.00 Charter Pary in *blue*. He also has a fine collection of antiquities.

Mr. W. S. Withrow, one of our contributors, until recently book-keeper of Knickerbocker Ice Co., of Chicago, the largest ice firm of that place, has returned home on account of sickness in his family, and has resumed dealing in U.S stamps. He has a collection of U.S. and B.N.A. only.

Mr. C. Welsey Price, of Plymouth, Mich., called on us on Jan. 11th inst. Mr. Price had Nova Scotia shillings and sixpences by the dozen!

Mr. Edward C. Biggar, formerly of Freemont, Neb., has full control of the printing business of Mrs. Sherwood, of St. Catharines. He is said to possess a very fine collection.

Mr. L. S Graham, of St. Catharines, is clerk in Carlisle Bros. & Co's, of that place.

Mr. Wm. A. Beatty, of St. Catharines, struck a lucky find a few days since, procuring for 75c. an old collection made in the "sixties," worth 50 times the amount he paid for it.

Mr. Fred N. Wood, of St. Catharines, President of the Garden City Philatelic Club, is connec ed with J. A. Trotter's shoe store of that place.

Mr. Harry Hewson, of St. Catharines is with D. M. Walker & Co. He is quite an enthusiast in the stamp line.

Mr. Guy W. Green, of Schomberg, Neb., has removed to Iowa City, Iowa.

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

Chicago postal clerks are charged with soaking off rare stamps from foreign letters passing through the mails.

It is reported that somebody has discovered that pigeons have been used as mail-carriers for about 700 years.

A New York tailor has been held in heavy bail for sending a dunning communication to a customer on a postal card.

The printing of the Columbian stamps costs the government 17 cents per thousand. The three and four cent stamps seem to be the ones admired the most.

The new Columbian stamps are rather large, of course, but the pictures on them are so pretty that no one ought to grudge the increased amount of energy requisite to lick them on.

The largest telegraph office in the world is in London, in the post office. In it there are over three thousand operators constantly employed, about one-third of whom are women.

In view of the avidity with which collectors have been buying up the new Columbian stamps, just for album use, why wouldn't it be a good idea for the government to make a little money now by issuing a series of Columbian $100 bills?

A return card sent from London to Hong-Kong via Vancouver, on the 19th of March, reached its destination April 28, and within three hours was on its way to London on a P. & O. steamer, arriving in London May 30, or around the world in 70 days.

In sorting over the letters from various parts of the world, 197 different ways of spelling Chicago have been found, among them being "Jagjago," "Hipaho," "Jajigo," "Shecchago," "Hizago," "Chachiche," and a scholarly resident of Finland indulges in "Zizazo." A collection of addresses is to be kept for exhibition at the World's Fair.

A FEW OF THE MANY.

—The CANADIAN PHILATELIST is an excellent journal, and deserving the support of all interested in stamps. H. W. JAKEWAY, Stayner, Ont.
Dec. 8, 1892.

—Specimen copy of November CANADIAN PHILATELIST received; am much pleased with it, especially with the article on perforation. Enclosed find my subscription. MISS H. A. HEATON, Charlton, N.Y.
Dec. 13, 1892.

—Enclosed find 25 cents for a year's subscription to the CANADIAN PHILATELIST, which is the best paper for the money I have seen. GEORGE W. BAILEY, Fredericton, N. B.
Dec. 10, 1892.

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EDITORIAL.

The New Canadian Issue. The recent report of the Postmaster General of Canada contained the following information, which may prove of interest to our readers. The Department has decided to issue a new post-card, the size to be much larger than the current issue. The Postmaster-General recommends the card as especially suitable for price lists, etc., a letter card, similar to those in use in Great Britain and the United States. This fills a long-felt want. Then, again, we are to have two additions to our current set of adhesives in the shape of a 20c. and 50c. denomination. The need of these two latter stamps has been greatly felt for some time past. They will be used largely for parcels. We made inquiry at the London Post Office in reference to these stamps, and were informed that some are expected daily. It is well-nigh time we had some addition to our present set. A step which the country would appreciate far more would be an entirely new set,—for example, one like the Columbian issue of the United States.

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New Papers, Etc. The *Eagle Philatelist*, after a vacation of about six months, has reappeared, and is a decided improvement in comparison to what it used to be.—The *Philatelic Journal of Canada* issued no December or January numbers, and up to date of going to press no February number has appeared, although past its date of publication.—A new-comer of promise is the *Chicago Philatelist*, which has recently appeared from the World's Fair city. It has 16 pages and a neat engraved cover. Published by the Oakley Publishing Co., with S. Schacht as editor and business manager.—Mr. Lewis Bishop, of Denver, Colorado, announces *The Philatelist*, which will appear on or about March 1st.—The Toronto stamp concern of Yorkville, Ont., announces the *Canadian Philatelic Monthly.* Another for Canada—if it appears.—The S. B. Bradt Co., of Chicago, has merged into the Western Stamp and Coin Co., and in all probability the *Chicago Stamp News* will be discontinued.—The *Ohio Philatelist* will appear from Coshocton, Ohio, on March 20.—Another new paper that is announced to appear is the *Nova Scotia Philatelist*, which will appear from Amherst, N.S., at an early date. Another for Canada! The *Queen City Philatelist* is announced to appear from Toronto with H. Beasley as publisher.

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Publisher's Announcements. Handbooks Nos. 2 and 3 will be issued in March. Announcements of the result of the "Writers' Prize Competition" will be made in our next issue.—The sale of Handbooks Nos. 1 and 2 has been very rapid. You should secure a copy of each at once. (See adv.)—We are at all times pleased to receive from our patrons the names of their collecting friends.—Foreign collectors would appreciate greatly the result of a trial adv. herein.—We are at work on the designs of a *Canadian Album.* Full announcements will be made next month.—It is our intention to enlarge to 32 pages in the course of a month or two.

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Pardoe Again. Thos. O. Pardoe, jr., who carried his swindling operations to such an extent from Ingersoll, Ont., and whom we have more than once exposed in these columns, *seems* to have changed his location again. We have proof that he is in Yorkville, Ont., where he is operating under the name of a stamp company. Pardoe's writing is of that kind one would remember, and in the writing of this firm we recognize that of Pardoe. The said firm send us a large adv. for insertion in this paper, which was similar to the adv. used by Pardoe heretofore, offering rare Canadian stamps at very low prices. This time British Columbias are offered. It is needless to say we refused the advertisement in question. It may be that some of our contemporaries, who are not familiar with Pardoe's style of writing, may accept this adv., and it is for this reason that we publish this note to warn our customers to exercise caution in purchasing from firms at that place.

Office Alterations. Our local trade having increased so rapidly during the past few months, we have found it necessary to make extensive alterations in our offices. These alterations and additions have just been completed, at great expense, and as a result we have the finest office of any stamp firm in the Dominion. New plans for arrangement of our stock have been introduced, enabling us to carry on 30% more business without an increase in our present staff of clerks. Philatelists passing through London are cordially invited to give us a call. We are at all times pleased to see you.

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Imperial Penny Postage. It will not be—at least not for some years to come. In Great Britain it has been an absorbing topic for some time past, and the general public opinion favored it. Through the kindness of Mr. Henry W. Hall, of Croydon, England, we are informed of the result of the deputation which waited on the British Postmaster-General, on Feb. 10th inst. The deputation was headed by the Secretary of the Imperial Federation League and several M.P.'s. The deputation suggested ocean penny postage, with a specially-designed penny stamp with a distinctive mark, for each colony. The Postmaster-General replied that when Australia was admitted to the Postal Union, in 1891, they entered on the condition that the ocean postage rate was not to be reduced below 2½d., and as this agreement remains in force until 1897, nothing can be done prior to that date. So much for Imperial Penny Postage.

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Bogota, ½ cent, black	10	75
British North Borneo, ½ cent, rose	12	—
Bavaria, 1870, 1 kr. green and 3 kr. rose	5	25
Canada, Register, 2 cent, orange	30	2 90
Canada, ½ cent, black	8	60
Canada, 1868, 12½ cent, blue	2 50	22 25
Cape Verd, crown, 25 reis, rose	20	—
Chamba State, assorted	25	1 75
Costa Rica, ½ cent, real blue	10	75
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Hamburg, well assorted	10	50
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Mexico, 1864, 1 real, red	10	75
Morocco, 5c. green	20	1 75
Mozambique, crown, 25 reis, rose	25	2 00
New Brunswick, 1 cent, violet	75	7 00
" " 2 cent, orange	45	4 25
" " 5 cent, green	25	2 25
" " 17 cent, black	2 00	19 00
Sardinia, newspaper, 1 cent, black	5	35
Seychelles, 2c. green and rose	20	1 40
Servia, 1869, 20p, blue	10	70
Servia, 1869, 25p, rose	20	1 40
Servia, 1869, 40p, violet	15	1 40
Servia, 1869, 2p, black	08	60
Servia, 1879, 10p, orange	12	90
St. Thomas and Prince, 25 reis, rose	20	1 90
St. Thomas and Prince, 50 reis, blue	25	2 00
" 15 cent, blue	5	20
Switzerland, 1874, 2 cent, bister	5	30
" 1878, 40 cent, gray	5	45
" 1882, 5 cent, brown	5	30
" 1882, 20 cent, yellow	5	35
" 1862, 10 cent, rose	5	30
Sarawak, 1892, 1 cent on 3 cent, brown on yellow	40	—
" " 1 cent	25	—
U. S. Interior Department, 1 cent, vermilion	1 00	9 00
" " " 2 " "	50	4 25
" officially sealed	25	25
U. S. War Dep't, 1 cent, red	20	1 75

USED STAMPS.

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" " 1890, 5 cent, red	5	40
Australian assortment	—	20
Austria, 1892, 30 kr, brown	13	1 25
Argentine Wrappers, ½c, brown	10	—
Austria, 1st, 2nd and 3rd issues, well assorted	05	40
Bosnia, 10 n, blue	15	—
British Colonies, good assortment	05	35
Bolivia, assorted	15	1 30
Bavaria, 1 mark, violet	15	—
Brazil, well assorted	5	45
British Guiana, 1876, 1 cent, slate	10	70
" " 2 cent, orange	7	60
" 1891, 1 cent, green	5	50
" 1889, 2 cent, mauve	5	45
" four varieties, finely assorted	6	55
Canada, 1859, 10c. violet, assorted shades	1 60	15 00
Canada, 1859, 12½c. green	1 60	15 00
Canada, 1868, 1c. brown red	1 15	11 00
Canada, 1868, 6c. chocolate	50	4 50
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 1 cent blue	15	1 40
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 2 cent blue	15	1 40
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 3 cent blue	10	90
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 6 cent blue	10	90
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 9 cent blue	10	90
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 10 cent blue	25	—
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 20 cent blue	50	—
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 50 cent blue	1 00	9 00
Canada Bill, 1st issue, well assorted	15	1 25
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 1 cent scarlet	15	1 10
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 2 cent scarlet	15	1 10
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 3 cent scarlet	10	50
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 6 cent scarlet	10	60
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 7 & 8 cent scarlet, assorted	2 00	18 00
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 9 cent scarlet	10	60
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 10 cent blue	45	4 00
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 30 cent blue	70	6 50
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 50 cent blue	95	9 00
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 1c brown	05	40
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 2c red	05	40
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 3c green	05	20
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 6c green	05	25
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 9c green	05	25
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 10c blue	05	45
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 20c blue	10	60
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 30c blue	10	75
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, $1 blue and black	—	—
Canada current, 5c and 6c evenly assorted	07	50
Cuba, 1857, ½ r. p. blue	10	80
Cuba, 1866, 10c blue	20	1 75
Cuba, 1867, 10c blue	15	1 40
Cuba, 1864, ½ r. p. green	15	1 40
Cuba, 1871, 25c blue	10	90
Cuba, 1874, 25c blue	10	90
Cuba, 1879, 25c blue	10	75
Cuba, 1876, 25c lilac	10	90
Cuba, 1876, 50c blue	25	—
Cuba, 1875, 25c blue	10	90
Cuba, 1871, 50c green	20	—
Cuba, 1873, 25c lilac	10	—
Cuba, 1873, 50c brown	25	—
Cuba, 1878, 25c green	10	90
Cuba, 1869, 10c brown	10	90
Canada Revenues, well assorted	**7**	**50**
Canada, 1882, ½ cent, black	5	45
" register, 2 cent, orange	5	45
" " " 2 cent, carmine	10	65
" " 5 cent, green	5	40
" 1859, 1 cent, pink	25	2 45
" " 5 cent, red	16	1 50
" 1853, 3d, red	1 60	15 00
Dutch Indies, assorted	5	45
Dutch Indies, 1870, 10c, brown	05	30
Dutch Indies, 1884, 2c, brown	05	35
Egypt, assorted	05	40
Finland, assorted	05	25
Foreign Revenues, very finely assorted	**10**	**75**
Gibraltar, 2 varieties, assorted	25	1 90
Grenada, 1892, 1d on 8d, bister	2 25	18 00
Grenada, 1892, 1d on 6d, violet	2 25	18 00
Grenada, 1883, ½d green	15	1 25
Grenada, 1883, 1d rose	20	1 60
Grenada, 1883, 2½ blue	20	—
Guatamala, assorted	15	1 25
Greece, finely assorted	05	30
India, On H. M. S., assorted	05	25
India, well assorted	5	20
Italy, well assorted	—	10
Italy, unpaid, 50 and 100 lire, evenly assorted	1 40	12 25
Japan, 2 sen., red	—	10
Japan, 15 sen., violet	5	25
Jamaica, well assorted	5	40
Malta, 2½, blue	20	1 75
Mexico, official, brown	10	60
Mexican Revenues, finely assorted	**10**	**70**
" 1888, 10 cent, scarlet	4	20
" " 20 " "	20	1 50
" " 25 " "	30	2 50
" 1884, 50 cent, green	70	6 00
Mexico, 1886, 1c green	05	40
Mexico, 1886, 2c carmine	07	50
Mexico, 1888, 3c scarlet	10	65
Mexico, 1888, 4c scarlet	10	65
Mexico, 1886, 5c blue	05	40
Mexico, fine assortment	07	50
Newfoundland, 1890, 3c slate	30	—
Natal, 1d rose	05	25
New Zealand, 1882, 4d sea green	14	1 25
New Zealand, 1882, 6d brown	20	1 75
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, ½d violet	25	2 25
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, 1d blue	15	1 40
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, 2d red-brown	25	2 25
New South Wales, 1889, official, 1d violet	05	50
New South Wales, 1889, official, 2d blue	05	50
Newfoundland, 3 cent, brown	15	1 25
New Zealand, ½, 1, 2d, assorted	—	15
Norway, well assorted	—	15
New South Wales, assorted	5	20
Nova Scotia, 3d, blue	8 25	—
" 5 cent, blue	1 20	11 00
Portuguese Indies, 1886, 6r, green	20	—
Puttialla State Service, ½a, green	15	1 25
" " " 1a, brown	25	2 00
" " " 3 var., assorted	20	1 75
Portugal, 1879, 150 ries, yellow	40	3 75
Portuguese Indies, 3 varieties, assorted	20	1 50
Portugal, finely assorted	—	15
Queensland, assorted	05	20

St. Vincent, 1889, 2½d on 1d	1 00	9 50
Spain, 1872, 12 de p. mauve	15	1 25
South Australia, 1887, 6d, blue	15	1 20
" " assorted	--	15
Switzerland, finely assorted	—	10
South America, finely assorted	—	50
Sweden, finely assorted	—	15
Spain, well assorted	—	15
Travancore, 1 ch, blue	25	—
Trinidad, 1883, ½d green	10	75
Trinidad, 1883, 1d rose	10	75
Trinidad, 1883, 2½d blue	20	1 50
Tasmania, assorted	05	25
United States Revenue, 2c orange, U. S. I. R.	—	10
" " " 2c " Bank check	—	10
" " " 2c blue, "	—	10
" " 1872, 1c blue	—	10
" " 1872, 3c green	—	10
" " 1882, 2c claret	—	8
" " 1884, 4c carmine	15	1 40
" " 1890, 4, 5 and 10 assorted	5	25
U. S , 1869, 6 cent, blue	3 00	—
U. S., 1861, 1 cent, blue	20	1 75
U. S., 1863, 2 cent, black	20	1 75
U. S., 1857, 1 cent, blue	80	7 50
U. S., 1869, 3 cent, blue	13	1 10
U. S., 1869, 2 cent, brown	35	—
U. S., 1883, 4 cent green	10	75
U. S., 1885, 5 cent blue	08	45
U. S., 1882, 5 cent brown	06	45
U. S., 1872, 10 cent brown	06	40
U. S. of Columbia, assorted	05	45
U. S., 1890, 3 cent, violet	10	—
U. S., 1890, 6 cent, brown-red	25	—
U. S. Columbians, assorted	—	15
U. S. Postage Due, 2 cent, claret	05	20
U. S. Postage Due, assorted	05	30
U. S. Envelopes, finely assorted	05	20
Victoria, 1884, 3d, bister	20	1 90
" 4d. carmine	20	1 90
Victoria, assorted	5	20
Western Australia, 1889, 1d rose	40	3 25
" " " 2d slate	55	5 00
" " 1890, 1d rose	10	90
Wurtemberg, well assorted	05	25
Wurtemberg Official, 1875, 5pf	15	--
Wurtember Official Envelope, sq. cut, '75, 5pf	60	5 00

STAMPS BY THE 1,000.

*Means Unused.	Per 1000	Per 5000
Argentine, finely assorted	3 75	17 50
British Guiana, well assorted	3 80	18 00
Canada, 1859, 5c red	16 00	75 00
" " 1c pink	25 00	—
" Register, 5c green	3 50	15 00
per 100,000, $275		
" common, well assorted	35	1 50
per 100,000, $25		
Mexico, '88, 10c scarlet	1 50	7 00
" " 20c "	13 00	55 00
" finely assorted	3 50	15 00
Mexico, official brown	5 00	20 00
*New Brunswick, 5c green	20 00	98 00
*" " 2c orange	40 00	190 00
New Zealand, well assorted	1 40	6 00
Portugal, "	1 20	6 00
Sardinia, 1 and 15c, assorted	2 25	—
United States Postage Due, 2c	1 50	—
" " Revenues, 3 var., finely ass	1 50	6 00
United States, 1872, 1c blue	90	4 00
" " " 3c green	80	3 50
" " 1882, 2c claret	65	3 00

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†Ecuador, 1872-87, 1 to 50c, 7 varieties	20	60
" " 1c to 1 peso, 10 var	75	2 00
†Suez, 4 var., complete	45	1 25
†New Brunswick, 1, 2, 5, 17c	1 10	3 25
Unused stamps, 10 fine var	15	40
British Guiana, 4 var	10	20
Mexico, current, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c	35	3 00
Italy, Segnatasse, 1, 2, 5, 10 lire	15	45
" " 50 to 100 "	90	2 50
Puttialla Service, 3 var	20	55
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Canada, 50 varieties	2 25	6 50
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Portugal, 2½ to 100 reis, 12 var.		65
Russia, 12 fine var		60
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NEWFOUNDLAND.

BY CHAS. JENNEY.

From the North there came a message to a distant, sunny clime,
'Twas a message from the icebergs to the fig tree and the lime ;
Others followed, bringing tidings, causing silent joy or mirth,
Or perchance they told of sorrow, of some dear one gone from earth.
Times it seemed as if warm currents from that far Atlantic isle,
Had swept southward, brightening nature, bringing to her face a smile ;
Then it seemed as if its bleak wind, flying fast o'er dale and hill,
Sought to pierce the golden tropic with a gruesome sense of chill.
From the date of fifty-seven, every message came in state,
And each bearer of a message, wore the livery of its date.
First the shamrock and the thistle blazoned on a field of white,
And the name, St. John's, Newfoundland, circling round from left to right ;
Then there came a page who bore the coronet in octagon,
Quartefoil, with the same motto as its brothers, elder born.
Later there came new devices, whispering of Atlanta's tanks,
Cod and seal with iceberg background, and a schooner off the banks.
In all colors of the rainbow, were these pages who were sped,
With their tidings from Newfoundland, to a land with sunlight wed.

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Many years have faded in the dimming memories of the past,
Each new generation rising, scarcely thinking of the last;
Long-forgotten are the tidings which those messages once told,
And the writer and the reader long have changed from life to mould.
But those little bits of paper, that as passports served them then,
Still are treasured and hold places of great honor among men.
While the thoughts they served to carry, over sea and over land,
May have gone from us forever, by stern fate's unjust command,
Still we see the seal and cod-fish, and the full-rigged fishing-smack
On the pages of our album, and they bring old memories back.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

NOT ALWAYS TRUE.

TO-DAY note the magazines that are published for the benefit of fraud exposure; will you not notice names in the fraud list that will surprise you? Probably you will find the name of some intimate friend with whom you are personally acquainted. This alarms you, and you begin to inquire into it. No doubt you will speak to him regarding this, and he is more astonished than you. Is he a fraud? He may be, but after inquiring into it, we find that some inexperienced youth, we might say, who started into business with a few thousand continentals, sent him some of these worthless stamps on approval, unsolicited, and expects him to buy them at a high price. If he doesn't do so and fails to make returns in due time, he is notified with threatening letters several times and finally publishes him as a dangerous fraud.

In the first place, the stamps are not, as a general rule, worth the postage it takes to carry them, and a party receiving stamps in this way should not so much as think of returning them, unless the necessary amount of postage is sent for their return. Any reasonable, intelligent dealer will not call you a fraud for retaining stamps that were sent without order. This is noted as one of the drawbacks of philately, and, as a general occurrence, is practised mostly by the younger dealers with the big "Co." affixed to their name, but we will not confine it entirely to this class of persons, as I know of a similar instance where one of our would-be prominent dealers was working just such a scheme, sending out approval sheets to different collectors, trying to build up his broken-down trade.

It is right and proper for every collector to be honest and to promptly return all stamps to the dealers with whom he is dealing, and if you send for an extra fine selection of stamps, it would be a good plan (when you receive them) to notify the dealer of their safe arrival. This will not only relieve him, but he will feel much more like allowing you to retain them longer. But, on the other hand, pay no attention to the parties who send you stamps unsolicited, and, if you are published as a fraud, explain it to the public through the columns of some strong journal, and the philatelists in general will think *much* more of you for your just dealing than of the dealer, as it shows good judgment on your part.

PHILATELIC SUB-STUDIES.

VARIOUS MINOR DEFINITIONS.

BY THE EDITOR.

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A BLOCK of stamps when spoken of refers to four stamps of the original sheet unsevered and in the form of a square. Rarities are worth 50 per cent. more in this condition than singly; and collectors who are successful in securing rare stamps in block, should always preserve them in that form.

An Advanced Collector—I have been asked for a definition of this somewhat simple term. An advanced collector is one whose collection has become large, and who collects sub-rarities, shades, etc., and one who is scientifically interested in philately.

The "*Continentals*," which are so widely advertised, are the common European stamps and are of little or *no* value.

A *Counterfeit* is an imitation of a genuine stamp of which there exists an original, while a *bogus* stamp is one of which there is no original, of which a like one was never issued, but are prepared with the intention to defraud collectors. For example of bogus stamps, I might refer to those of Sedang and many of these German Locals.

Stamps that are cancelled are those which are so obliterated so as to render them unavailable for use for postage. The common cancellation is that affixed to the stamp by means of a hand-stamp. At times they are cancelled by means of one or more pen and ink strokes. This is called *pen cancellation*. The word "*Cancelled*" is often found printed in ordinary block type across an unused stamp of an obsolete issue. This is a method often adopted by Governments, to render lots of remainders of old issues, sold to stamp dealers, unavailable for postage. For an example, see some of the 1876-78 issue of Mauritius. Again, another cancellation often met with is when the word "*Specimen*" is printed across the middle of the stamps. This is the outcome of the demand made by collectors for specimens of obsolete issues for their collections; and to supply them, Governments at times issued reprints of these old issues and sold them to collectors at face value or below, and surcharge the specimen to prevent their use for postage. Many of the department stamps of the United States were issued in this manner. While speaking of this "specimen" cancellation, I may say that this method of cancellation decreases the value of the stamp generally. This has led unscrupulous and dishonest dealers and collectors to partially remove the word specimen by means of acids, and then cover any remaining sign of the word by a heavy obliberation from an ordinary postmaster's hand-stamp. This practice is often resorted to with the rarer U. S. department stamps, but careful examination generally disclosed some trace of the word. Collectors purchasing used specimens of these stamps should always inspect them closely. In such cases as this, and in many other like cases, such as the detection of counterfeits, and distinguishing of sub-rarities, a powerful magnifying glass is invaluable, and every progressive collector should possess one.

Cut Envelopes are entire stamped envelopes from which the stamp alone is taken, it being cut square.

Dextrine is a substitute for gum arabic in the gumming of adhesive postage stamps and stamped envelopes

Tete beche is a name applied to a stamp some part of which is printed upside down, or an inverted surcharge. The U. S. 1869 issue with inverted centre are printed in *Tete beche*. It also applies to stamps which are printed in sheets with each alternate row upside down.

A stamp is said to be *type set* when it is set up and printed with ordinary printer's type. For example, early issues of Hawaii, Br. Guiana, Bavaria, return letter stamps, and others.

(To be continued.)

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

PHILATELY'S ENCHANTMENTS.

II.—GEOGRAPHICAL.

BY A. R. E.

NOT only does philately offer us much of historical interest, as was shown in our last paper, but in the line of geographical studies it offers a still greater field for study.

A difference of opinion as to the value of any geographical knowledge acquired through philately has been expressed more than once. Now I contend that the collector who pays any ordinary attention to his stamps cannot but acquire fresh knowledge in this line. Of course, every rule has its exceptions. There are collectors who may not be benefited. Who are these? In the first place, the careless collector, who places a stamp in his album, and that is the end of it. Again, a collector may have pursued his geographical studies to such an extent that he knows all there is to be known; to him it is not probable that philately will teach much in this line.

However, to ordinary collectors, like you and I, philately has it geographical fascinations. How much we have learned through our stamps that we would otherwise have been ignorant of, and perhaps never known. "Here a little and there a little." It is not to be learnt at a single leap. You are well aware of that. Do you not recollect how you became the possessor of a stamp from Seychelles, Gambia, Sierra Leone, or some other distant country whose situation you did not know? How you became curious, and became possessed of a desire for research, and how you looked over your maps till you found it. Its situation became impressed on your mind through association with the stamp. Nor does the knowledge gained cease here. One thing after another is learned—population, coinage, inhabitants, climate, products, rulers, mode of government, etc.—all alike become impressed on the mind.

Now as to all this, I trust no one will think I claim the stamp itself teaches all this. Not so; but I do maintain that it is the stamp which stimulates the desire and interest in this research, and that the knowledge learned in this connection is less likely to be forgotten.

The standard stamp albums always give the statistics, etc., of the country at the head of the pages, that it may be easily acquired, being brought before the collector's eyes in connection with the stamps of that country.

School teachers are usually considered the most competent judges in this matter, and nine teachers out of ten will inform you that, as a rule, the brightest students in his geography class are stamp collectors. Study your stamps. Inform yourself in regard to every new stamp or country you secure. In this way much valuable knowledge may be pleasantly acquired.

With thanks to the editor of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST for his valuable space, I will close, trusting to have the privilege of again addressing you through these columns in the near future.

PHILATELIC RUMINATIONS.

Containing Bits of Advice, Some Facts, a Few Observations, and Other Things Worth Remembering, and Some Not.

BY L. H. BENTON.

WHILE sitting here, my thoughts run back over my short career as a stamp collector—a period covering five short years. Yet, during that time, one can have many experiences, and must necessarily have observed many points here and there worthy of mention.

It took me quite a while to understand that the dealer did not have all the stamps he catalogued, in stock. But experience has been a good teacher. Of about two dozen stamps I sent for once, I got half a dozen, I think it was. Thus, my "want list" was returned with about eighteen marked "not in stock."

Buying advertised sets is not always satisfactory, for, as a general thing, the set, when it comes, will prove to contain one or more specimens you would not have purchased had you seen the same on sheets, on account of the condition thereof. This is especially true in regard to used stamps, as there the chances for damage are greater, as heavy cancellations, nicked and torn edges, etc. This is not always the case, but in the general run it will be found so, as many will attest. It is according to with whom you deal, to a great extent. The best way to procure specimens is by the approval sheet system. Then you can see what you are buying.

The value of biographies of various philatelists in the stamp journals is manifest. Though we exchange photos. with many, there are hundreds we know physiognomically only by the phototypes accompanying most sketches. How our ideas regarding their ages change in reading them! I have a case in mind. There is a certain collector and philatelic writer, concerning whom I had heard much, that is, read his writings and numerous notes about his doings, etc. I had pictured him as a man of thirty or so. When I read his biography I was somewhat surprised to learn that he was six months younger than I, and yours truly has yet to see his 21st birthday; it is some ways off yet. And so on.

Undoubtedly the *large number of varieties* of our hand-printed stamps, used before the regular issue, is a prominent reason for their not being catalogued, yet I think I see another reason. Most of them lack the word "post." Those with the word "post" are catalogued. Query—Does the word "post" determine whether it is collectible or not?

If some small boy, of the usual inquisitive turn of mind, should ask you if the British Madagascar stamps are *newspaper* stamps, do not blame him. It would be a natural question.

And before I forget it, I'll speak about Philatelic poems. It is a pleasant diversion in the monotony to read such poems as are generally turned out by Roy Greene, Guy Green, "Diamond," *et al.* Real poetry is versification which, while it has true metre, and is interesting, has running through it a sentiment which leaves the reader in a pleasant state of reverie, as it were, at the conclusion; it is necessarily thrilling, and must be on a subject which will fit the words and manner of construction. Judge a poem by its merits, and not by who writes it. The sooner the *litterateurs* grasp this idea, the better it will be, and less trash will be put before us over "great (?) poets'" signatures. I would not be greatly surprised if productions from the "poet laureate" of the *One Dime*, if under the name of—well—Tennyson, say, would sell well, drivel as it is. This false valuation should stop; justice should prevail. No personal experience has caused me to write this; I am no poet. I can appreciate a good poem, however, and I can tell a failure when I read one. It is a state of things to be regretted; and these are solemn facts. This is general and not particularly philatelical, though it has a definite connection with what I started to say.

Philatelic fiction is on the increase, too. Why does not some stampist with plenty of the wherewithal start the *Weekly Philatelic Fiction?* This suggestion is gratis.

The precision with which the beginner keeps account of the number of stamps in his collection is truly remarkable. He will tell you he has 937, 1,344, or 1,801, or something like that. How many advanced collectors can tell you? Few, I dare say. But it's all right, boys; nothing like rivalry, as long as it is honest. But *the* case of precision was in reading on a society application blank, under head of "When did you begin to collect stamps?" the answer, "Feb. 28, 1889," or something like it. That's the way to do it, boys, always tell the whole of it.

When I was a "kid," I had a printing press. On the box was this inscription: "Educate your boys; give them a printing press." This suggests an inscription for a stamp album: "Educate your boys—and girls; give them a stamp album," not to mention a good catalogue and some stamps.

We have received letters from all kinds of people, from all quarters of the globe, but never till recently did we receive one from a lunatic. It was signed "Lewis the Light," and was a circular containing thereon a lot of incoherent gibbering idiocy in the shape of religious chatter concerning the "True Army of Life," and requesting the receiver to send *free* all the stamps he can possibly rake together with which to buy the "True Army," a free ticket to Hades, or something of the kind. The million stamp racket again! *Light*-headed Lewis dated his kind request at San Francisco.

A bright newspaper paragrapher gives us a squib in which Jones tells Smith that he saw Brown treat his wife as he would not treat a dog. Smith eagerly asks the circumstances, expecting something scandalous, whereupon Jones quietly informs Smith that Brown merely kissed his wife.

And what has this to do with philately? you ask. Just this: It reminded me of a statement equally remarkable that might be made regarding our stamps, and that is, that *they are stuck down so that you cannot pry them up with a crowbar.* (Don't groan indoors, you might wake the baby.)

Why should our $5.00 Columbus stamps have been issued in 1392? Know that? It's an easy one. Merely because it's aHead of Columbus.

And I suppose you all know why stamps are like lamps. Because we look for shades among them! (And the thermometer dropped to 2 in the shade.)

One more:

Why is a surcharge like a tin can tied to a dog's tail? Because it is bound to occur (a cur.)

P. S.—Send all undertakers' bills to writer.

BUILD UP YOUR LIBRARY.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

SITTING *tete-a-tete* with a philatelic friend last evening, I was brought to think forcibly of the benefits of a library, in our profession (or pastime as you prefer) as in any other.

My friend had called at my home with a view of talking over late happenings in philately's ranks, and speculating as to what the future had in store for us as collectors. After drawing ourselves nearer the welcome grate in my cosy little library, my friend glanced at a small volume placed conspicuously on my study table. "What's this old fellow? Ella Wheeler's 'Poems of Passion' likely, or Carleton's 'Farm Ballads,' eh?" By this time he had seized it and read *The Stamp*, (Denver), *Vol. 1 & 2*, (1886-87). It was a volume which I had just received from the book-binder's, and was the first two volumes of that excellent little Journal which ran its life of thirty-eight months and sank into oblivion. I had completed my volumes of it and sent them to the bindery, and as a result it had come forth a pretty ornament and a pleasant companion at one and the same time.

Of course my friend had to look through the volume, and had I been less enthusiastic on the necessity of every philatelist having a philatelic library of his own and keeping it for reference and study, I might have taken offense at my friend's conduct, for he scarcely glanced up from the volume all evening. After apparently reaching a sleepy stage in the proceedings, he leaned back in the chair, yawned and said: "Why old fellow, this is deucedly interesting." I made no response, but could you have seen the blush of pride suffuse my modest countenance you would all straightway set about getting you a start for a library.

He resuming the perusal of his volume, and I, reading a current issue of a leading magazine, utter silence was the result of our evening's sociability for an hour longer. At last, laying the volume aside, he began to question me as to how I obtained the numbers which when completed made such interesting reading. I told him how I had been for a year or more accumulating papers and magazines, retaining one copy of each and trading my duplicates with other collectors, securing something I needed and supplying them in return with a missing number in their files, and so on *ad infinitum*.

"The result is I have completed many files and have sent them to the binders as soon as completed, and now have a number of these volumes, one of which you seemed to find so interesting. Besides, I have several hundred volumes in process of completion, some of them lacking but one number, but it is more difficult to obtain that one number than the other eleven which goes towards completing the volume."

"And why this scarcity of certain numbers?" queried my patient listener. "I have often wondered that myself," I answered. "I have in many cases attributed it to a large share of a certain issue being mailed to foreign addresses, and oftentimes I surmise the publisher has mailed to lists furnished to him, of persons who were not interested in the pursuit and would burn or otherwise destroy the papers. In this way whole editions would be destroyed. Then again perchance a small edition would be issued for one month or more and the supply would not meet the demand. Very few philatelic journals issue over one thousand to fifteen hundred copies, and as there are from five to eight hundred promising young libraries in the United States and Canada to-day, all of which are nearing completion, it is easy for to see where a good portion of each edition has gone to."

Having become breathless, I stopped, and gave my friend another chance.

"And is it very expensive, the accumulation of the various numbers?"

"No, it has not been in my case. I have made slight inroads on my pocket-book, having secured most of them by exchanging. The binding costs a neat little sum, but when one considers the happy hours to be spent in studying it, the valuable references there to be found, and then it will be a source of joy and comfort for years to come, even that cost seems slight.

In the case of many of my volumes which consisted of but three or four numbers each, all that had ever been issued, which though valuable in themselves, their small size, or rather thickness, would make them rather awkward in binding, and in fact hardly paid, so I have bound these in a homemade way between pasteboards which I have lettered nicely by hand and pasted a few brightly colored stamps in corners or in the centre or arranged in diamonds or squares to produce artistic effect and serve to please the eye So much for my library."

"Well, I'll admit it is quite an undertaking," said my friend, "and though I love to read philatelic literature I fear it would exhaust my patience to commence the building up of a library which might require years to complete. But I must bid you good night. But by the way, old fellow, can I borrow that volume of the *Stamp*? I became interested in Philo's "Bluffton Stamp Society", and would like to finish it. I assure you I will take the best care of it."

"Certainly, you are welcome to enjoy the contents of that volume as I have enjoyed, and when you have finished it I trust that Vol. 3 & 4, which I have sent to the binders, may be ready for your perusal, also think over this library business and decide whether you want to try the undertaking or not. I assure you it is not arduous or even tedious. There's a fascination as there is about everything connected with philately, and that leads you on. Your greatest objection, I believe, was that you doubted whether your patience would hold out till you had completed your library. Don't flatter yourself that you can ever complete your library, for although our hobby is young, it would be impossible to collect together everything that has been printed pertaining to it.

Content yourself with what you can secure and "don't complain because it's little," and above all don't let your library interfere with your album.

Never let the thought wedge itself into your head, drop your album for the time being until you complete your library. I am as devoted to philatelic literature as anyone in this broad land, but I've never given it the attention I have my album and contents, for it does not deserve it. They go hand-in-hand and should not be separated, but of the two—well you know a "double eagle" of American coinage is worth more than any treatise on Numismatics."

By this time my friend had risen to go, and as he left me at the door he promised to call in one week.

He did so. Returned Vol. 1 & 2 of *The Stamp*, and took home with him Vol. 3 & 4, and before he left me he told me that he had hunted up over a hundred old papers devoted to philately, and had laid the foundation to his library.

I congratulated him and donated a few of my duplicates towards the good cause.

There's a meaning to this story which is by no means concealed, but for fear you'll not grasp it I'll express it more explicitly: *Build up your library.*

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

MY PA'S STAMPS.

BY CAPTAIN MILDMAY.

I'M Jimmy Brown; my pa's a filatelist; that's a man who collects stamps and sticks them in stamp albums My sister collects stamps too, but I don't know what they call a woman stamp collector. Stamps are bits of colored paper with pictures of men's head and other things, that come off letters. I don't know why they stick stamps in albums, I'm sure; I asked pa one day, and he said for nothing. Old people seem to do a great many things for nothing, anyway pa does. My sister don't know what she collects stamps for.

Pa went away one day and forgot to lock his desk; that's where he keeps the books he sticks stamps in. He always keeps his desk locked to keep me out, he says. I opened the desk and got out the two stamp albums; my, how nice the stamps looked; I guess I'll be a stamp collector when I'm big.

I found more than a thousand stamps which pa had forgot to stick in the albums, and then there were some red and green stamps on some letters which I took and cut off. As I had nothing to do I thought I'd stick all the stamps in the albums. I couldn't help laughing when I thought how surprised and glad pa would be when he had found out what I had done

Now, I solemnly say that I never meant to do any harm. All I meant to do was to improve pa's stamp collection by sticking in the albums all the stamps he had forgot about. Why there was only three or four stamps on some of the pages, and you can't tell me that was right, for there were lots of square places drawed for stamps which pa had forgot about. I sometimes think its no use trying to help people as I tried to help pa. Pa's dreadfully ungrateful; no matter how kind and thoughtful I am, he always manages to blame me. I shall try however not to give way to these bad feelings, as our minister says, we should keep on doing good no matter what happens.

I found lots of places where pa had forgot to stick stamps. I stuck in all the red and green stamps first and hadn't more than half finished with the others when the mucilage upset and went all over the stamp album; I wiped up as much as I could and left the rest.

Some stamps have black figers and words drawed on them. I would have been ashamed if I was the man that drew some of them. As I coudent stick in any more stamps, and just to prove I could do it better than the man who did it, I drew all kinds of figers and words on more than a hundred stamps. I made most beautiful figers but the words didn't look as nice as I thought they would.

Just then our cat jumped up and spilt the ink and spoilt more than fifty stamps. I'm sure she didn't mean to do it. Cats don't know any better. I dried up the ink as best I could and put back the albums and things as I got them.

When pa came home that night, he brought the new minister with him. After a while the minister wanted to see pa's stamps and when pa went to get them I began to be really frightened. He just handed the albums to the minister without opening them. The minister said some very nice words about stamps till he came to where they stick Canada stamps (that's where I spilt the ink) when pa saw that he looked as if he had seen some disgusting ghosts. I got awful frightened, for pa had just bought a new bamboo cane last night. "My son, this meddling with sacred things must be stopped." With this remark he marched me up-stairs and then—well, I can't write about the awful scenes that happened up-stairs; anyway, I'm able to sit up to-day.

I'm sure I didn't spill the ink, it was the cat, and it wasn't my fault the mucilage upset, but pa wouldn't give me time to tell him so.

Well, it's over now, let us say no more about it.

FISCAL COLLECTING.

R. S. WALTERS.

IT is but a matter of time ere revenue collecting becomes general. Every month sees its adherents increasing, and the demand for revenues and telegraph becoming greater, and there is no reason, as far as I can see, why this branch of philately should not become as great or even greater than the sway exercised by the postage stamp at the present time.

Now, how is it that revenue stamp collecting did not, and is not as general as the collection of postage stamps? The revenue stamp was in use centuries before the idea of the postage stamp was conceived. The leading cause is the regulation regarding the use of this class of stamps. They are placed on documents, and usually the law requires that they be left there, otherwise the document in question shall have no legal value. This is not always the case. Again, papers such as are required to be stamped with revenues are not so commonly seen as the letters which are flying to and fro before our eyes daily. Their partial obscurity is one reason why they have not been generally collected.

A time of changes is coming. New adherents to fiscal collecting are becoming very numerous. Take the beginner, and it will be found that he almost invariably mixes revenues in with his collection of postage. He sees no reason why one has any more claim on him than another. He has an eye for beauty of color and design. It will generally be found that he considers his revenues the pink of his collection.

Specialists of their native country invariably include revenues in their collections. To-day we find many who collect nothing but revenues, and again others who collect both postage and revenues

Revenue collecting is steadily gaining ground. We now have numerous catalogues of revenue stamps published. An enterprising London firm have recently commenced the publication of the *Fiscal Philatelist*, which will do much for the cause. The leading journals are beginning to take hold of the subject, devoting their space and effort to its advancement.

Do you collect revenues? If not, you should remember they have a strong claim on you, whether specialist or general collectors. You find in them a range of variety greater than in postage stamps. The size is, on the average, larger. The increased size gives room for artistic design such as is seldom seen in postage stamps. Taken all around, examination will show you that for beauty, coloring and exquisite original design, revenue stamps have this even more than postage stamps. Reader, think this over, and let your decision be that you will collect revenues, even though it be on a small scale. Now's the time to begin. The demand at present is, *comparatively* speaking, small, and revenues can be bought at very low rates. But prices are steadily on the rise. As collectors increase, the prices do likewise. "A word to the wise is sufficient." Those who begin before the demand becomes general are the wise; and the result will be apparent in the near future. "Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day."

PHANTOMS IN THE SMOKE.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

The open fireplace glows bright
With a mass of ruddy coals,
And the fleecy clouds of airy smoke,
Unceasing, upward rolls.
I drowsy sit with wand'ring eyes,
Unconscious of time's flight,
I'm thinking of the bygones,
Past pleasures and delights.

My album seems to haunt me,
I see its pages fair,
In the background of the hearthstone;
The smoke has outlined there,
With stamps of royal purple,
And deepest shades of green,
All spaces filled completely;
It's like was never seen.

From Iceland's fields of virgin snow,
To Congo's burning heat,
Each page is filled with treasures,
And every set's complete.
'Twill rival Von Ferrari's;
Its value can't be told;
Its worth a hundred thousand pounds
More than its weight in gold.

I turn its pages slowly,
Admire its size and form,
The fire's dying slowly;
The room is snug and warm.
I drink full of my album
As one quaffs ruby wine:
The rarest of collections,
And every stamp is mine.

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My faithful watch-dog Towser,
Arouses with a whine;
He surely didn't mean to,
My thoughts he can't divine,
I woke to know my album
Was but a horrid joke,
The gorgeous greens and purples
Were phantoms in the smoke.

LONDON PHILATELIC CLUB.

The fifth regular meeting of the Club was held in their rooms on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, with President Liddicoatt in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted. The general business of the Society was carried through in a prompt manner and was soon disposed of. A debate was the next on the programme, and was enjoyed by all. Specialism *vs.* General Collecting was the subject under discussion. Messrs. Dickson and Bartram held out for Specialism while Messrs. Bernstein and Stockwell stood by General Collecting. After a lengthy debate, the subject was put to the vote of the meeting, and decided in favor of General Collecting. The auction sale, under supervision of Mr. Benson, our new auctioneer, was a decided success. Messrs. Liddicoatt, Stæbler, Bartram Benson, McMartin, Bernstein, Dickson, Chapman, Stockwell and several visitors were in attendance. Meeting adjourned at 10.30.

THE WORLD'S FAIR STAMP EXHIBIT.

The World's Fair Executive Committee of the American Philatelic Association have at last completed the preliminary work and have announced the result of their work for the past year,

Meetings were held on Feb. 23rd and 27th, in New York city, and all the members were present at these meetings. It had been the hope of the Committee that the Government would not only furnish space in the Government Building for the display, but would also assist the collectors in securing the necessary cases; but the only fund from which this money could be drawn was exhausted by other needs of the P. O. Department, and so the collectors have to shoulder the burden alone. The estimated expense of the exhibit is $3,000, but the Committee believe that that amount can be raised by voluntary subscriptions from the collectors of the United States and Canada. A large number of sub-Committees have been appointed, and others are yet to be appointed, each Committee having charge of certain countries, and it will be their duty to see that the collections of stamps of these countries are secured, properly mounted and delivered to the General Committee. At the present writing, we are told that over $300 has been contributed and subscriptions are coming in rapidly. The announcement of the Finance Committee has been sent out, and also the circular giving the plan of work, which is published elsewhere in this number. In view of the willingness of the entire philatelic press throughout the United States and Canada to publish matter relating to the exhibition, the Committee decided that it was not necessary to go to the expense of sending these circulars direct to the collectors by mail, but to make the appeal and announcement through the papers. The Government of the United States has granted our Committee sufficient space in the Government Building at the World's Columbian Exposition to permit the display of a complete collection of the postage stamps of the world. The expense incident to the proper arrangement of this exhibition, including the purchase of suitable cases, will be about $3,000, and as it is the desire of the Committee to interest every member of the Association, as well as collectors of postage stamps outside of the Association, it has been resolved that the necessary amount be raised by a popular subscription, to which every collector will have an opportunity to contribute. Subscriptions for any amount not exceeding $25, and not less than $1, will be welcomed. Every subscriber will receive the official catalogue, containing a complete list of the treasures exhibited, which catalogue will be ready for distribution some time during the summer, and the published price of which will be 50 cents. All subscriptions must be accompanied by the amount subscribed, and they will be duly acknowledged in the *American Philatelist* and by the Treasurer, Mr. George H. Watson, 36 Broad St., New York city, to whom subscriptions and remittances are to be addressed. A. R. Roger, Chairman; H. S. Deats, Secretary, of Executive Committee, World's Fair Philatelic Exhibit.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's price list, consisting of 64 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed, and together with postage, the total cost will be $1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

WORLD'S FAIR PHILATELIC EXHIBIT.

At the 1891 convention of the A. P. A., a committee was appointed with power to secure a suitable space at the World's Columbian Exposition and obtain and arrange an exhibit of postage stamps. After a trip to Chicago, where the Committee tried to secure a small private building, which they were unable to obtain, they entered into a correspondence with General Hazen, 3rd Asst. Postmaster-General, and Chairman of the Post Office Department Exhibit, that will be arranged in the Government Building. After repeated trips to Washington, the Committee have secured the following:

SPACE.

The Post Office Department, through the kindness of General A. D. Hazen, have allotted to the American Philatelic Association, in the U. S. Government Building, one of the handsomest and most costly and one of the best fire-proof buildings in the grounds. a large gallery overlooking the Post Office Exhibit. This gallery is 65 feet long by 25 feet wide.

ARRANGEMENT OF SPACE.

The large cases are 20 feet long and hold 144 sheets each, same size as the Staten Island sheets. The smaller cases are 15 feet long and hold 108 sheets each. The half cases against the wall and railing hold half the amount of the double cases. There is room for 1,116 sheets in the cases, besides wall space. At an average of 40 stamps to a sheet this will give us room for a collection of 50,000 stamps.

ARRANGEMENT OF STAMPS.

It is the intention of the Committee to secure as complete a collection of the stamps of the world as can be had, and to this end the collectors, whether members of the A. P. A. or not (as this is to be an exhibit of postage stamps by American collectors, under the auspices of the American Philatelic Association), are invited to notify the Committee of any countries that they have that are in fine condition and complete, that they are willing to loan for this exhibit. It is the desire of the Committee that this exhibit comes not so largely from our large collections, but that the larger portion of it will be made up from the collections of the smaller collectors. What country have you that you will offer us? We want to hear from you at once.

ARRANGEMENT ON SHEETS.

As soon as the collector has notified the Committee that he is willing to exhibit a certain country (see rules for exhibitors) they will send him as many sheets as are allotted to that country.

SHEETS FOR MOUNTING.

The Committee have decided to use sheets made especially for that purpose, same size as the Staten Island Sheets, with a view of giving the most artistic effect as they are grouped together, and at the same time showing the stamp off with the best effect.

On receipt of these sheets the collector is to mount his stamps as carefully as possible (see rules) and return them by registered mail to the Committee as quickly as possible. The name of the exhibitor will be printed by the Committee on the bottom of each card.

SECURITY.

The Committee do not become responsible for any stamps, the exhibitors sending them at their own risk. The Committee, however, have been carefully selected, and represent the leading collectors in the country. They are mostly men of means, from whose collections there will be many thousands of dollars' worth of stamps exhibited, so the utmost care will be used to insure the safe return of all stamps sent for exhibition.

The sheets containing stamps will be kept in a safe deposit vault in New York until they are ready for shipment to Chicago, when they will be sent under seal by the Express Co., the same as money is forwarded. The stamps will be insured against fire and loss in transit. Part of the Committee will go to Chicago and receive them, and, with the Hanging Committee, will put them in the proper cases.

CASES.

The cases are being especially made, the large cases consisting of four sections; each section holding six sheets, or 24 sheets in a row. There are three of these frames, one above another, on each side of the case. The smaller cases hold three sections lengthwise, and the half cases have sheets on one side only.

The cases are made of whitewood, stained cherry, the glass being heavy plate, lying flat on top of the stamps. Each frame has a Yale lock, and is locked by the Committee, and sealed. Around the cases are a number of screws to be screwed down, making it impossible to get into the cases.

After the exhibit is over, the Committee will again go to Chicago and return the stamps to New York in the manner sent, from whence they will be returned to the owners.

CATALOGUES.

As no catalogue will be allowed on sale in the Government Building, the Committee will issue an official catalogue, containing a full description of the exhibit, who the exhibitors are, what they exhibited. etc.; and will handsomely illustrate it with photo-engravings of some of the exhibits. These catalogues will sell at 50 cents each, and will be on sale at all dealers and on the news-stands in Chicago, so collectors will have no trouble in securing one, as it will be a most interesting souvenir of their visit. We expect thousands will be sold to collectors who are not able to attend.

This catalogue will contain a limited number of advertisements, and having a wide circulation among people who are new beginners in stamp collecting, it will be a paying advertising medium. For rates address the Committee at once.

RESULTS.

It is expected that this exhibit will be the largest and most valuable one ever gathered together, and that the benefits stamp collecting will derive from it will be a greater increase in our number and a new impetus to our hobby, tending to make it more popular than ever, and redounding to the honor of the American stamp collector.

WRITER'S PRIZE COMPETITION.

The following are the results handed in by the judges:—First prize, W. Cullen Brown's article on Local Societies. Second prize, A. R. Estabrook, of Montreal, Que., for article on Philately's Enchantments. Third prize, R. S. Walters, of Manchester, England, for article entitled An Incident. Fourth prize, A. O. East, of London, Ont, for article entitled Philatelic Advertising. Prizes were duly forwarded on the 20th inst.

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EDITORIAL.

A Stamp Collector's Souvenir. We have received a copy of *The Stamp Collector's Souvenir*, issued by The C. H. Mekeel Company, of St. Louis. It is a tastefully and expensively prepared work, one which will no doubt be of use to collectors, and one which it is not improbable but that it will repay its publishers for the large outlay necessitated in in its publication. The book contains much readable information regarding the history of philately and stamps in general. Brief definitions of many technical philatelic terms, culled from various sources, are given. Articles on rare stamps and curious stamps are also given, together with an illustration of the New Haven. Portraits and brief sketches of some 40 or more of the world's most prominent collectors are given. The book is printed on paper of the most expensive kind, and handsomely arranged and bound. It can be obtained for the sum of fifty cents, and is well worth this amount.

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Our Retail List. We would call the attention of our customers to the fact that our Third Annual Retail List has just been issued, and it is larger, cheaper and better than ever before. Every collector and dealer should possess a copy. To those who have not yet received it, we shall be pleased to forward it, *post free* on application.

Gremmel's Catalogue. Mr. H. Gremmel, of New York, has favored us with a copy of catalogue of "The Stamps of the Western Hemisphere." It is in neat pocket size; the illustrations being reduced in size, while the catalogue itself is fully complete. One thing which we consider a defect, is the absence of a list of Canadian and Mexican Revenues. These stamps are being collected to a great extent now, and a popular want is neglected in omitting these. The book consists of about 175 pages.

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Publisher's Announcements. Handbooks Nos. 2 and 3 will be issued in April. Announcements of the result of the "Writers' Prize Competition" is made in this issue.— The sale of Handbooks Nos. 1 and 2 has been very rapid. You should secure a copy of each at once. (See adv.)—We are at all times pleased to receive from our patrons the names of their collecting friends —Foreign collectors would appreciate greatly the result of a trial adv. herein. —We are at work on the designs of a *Canadian Album.* Full announcements will be made next month —It is our intention to enlarge to 32 pages in the course of a month or two.

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Alamo City Philatelic Society. The second annual meeting was held by special invitation at the residence of Major C. E. Dutton, San Antonio Arsenal, on December 22, 1892, at which the reports of all officers were read and accepted, and the election of their Governing Board took place, which resulted as follows:—President, Major C. E. Dutton, U.S.A.; Vice-President, Alfred E. Hayden; Secretary-Treasurer, Edward W. Heusinger; Librarian, Charles J. Rossy; Counterfeit Detector, Frederick Noyes; Albert Steves, Edward F. Brotze, I. N. Fitzpatrick, Charles H. Huberich. Meetings of the Society are held in the Assembly Room of the San Antonio Board of Trade. The membership of this Society is 89. The dues for active members are $3 per annnm, and for corresponding members 50 cents per annum. Official organs, *The Alamo City Philatelic Society's Bulletin* and the *American Journal of Philately*, which all members receive free of charge. For further information and application blanks address EDWARD W. HEUSINGER, Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 597, San Antonio, Texas, U. S A.

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Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

A. J. R., Connersville, Ind.—Your stamp is bogus.

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Mozambique, crown, 25 reis, rose	25	2 00
New Brunswick, 1 cent, violet	75	7 00
" " 2 cent, orange	45	4 25
" " 5 cent, green	25	2 00
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Sardinia, newspaper, 1 cent, black	5	35
Sardinia, 15 cent, blue	5	20
Servia, 1869, 20p, blue	10	70
Servia, 1869, 25p, rose	20	1 40
Servia, 1869, 40p, violet	15	1 40
Servia, 1869, 2p, black	08	60
Servia, 1879, 10p, orange	12	90
St. Thomas and Prince, 25 reis, rose	20	1 90
St. Thomas and Prince, 50 reis, blue	25	2 00
Switzerland, 1874, 2 cent, bister	5	30
" 1878, 40 cent, gray	5	45
" 1882, 5 cent, brown	5	30
" 1882, 20 cent, yellow	5	35
" 1862, 10 cent, rose	5	30
Sarawak, 1892, 1 cent on 3 cent, brown on yellow	40	—
" " 1 cent	25	—
U. S. Interior Department, 1 cent, vermilion	1 00	9 00
" " " 2 " "	50	4 25
" officially sealed	25	25
U. S. War Dep't, 1 cent, red	20	1 75
U. S. Interior Department, 3 cent, vermilion	30	2 50

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" " 1890, 5 cent, red	5	40
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Austria, 1892, 30 kr, brown	13	1 25
Argentine Wrappers, ½c, brown	10	—
Austria, 1st, 2nd and 3rd issues, well assorted	05	40
Bosnia, 10 n, blue	15	—
British Colonies, good assortment	05	35
Bavaria, 1 mark, violet	15	—
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British Guiana, 1876, 1 cent, slate	10	70
" " 2 cent, orange	7	60
" 1891, 1 cent, green	5	50
" 1889, 2 cent, mauve	5	45
" four varieties finely assorted	6	55
Bolivia, well assorted	5	25
Canada, 1859, 10c. violet, assorted shades	1 60	16 00
Canada, 1859, 12½c. green	1 60	15 00
Canada, 1868, 1c. brown red	1 15	11 00
Canada, 1868, 6c. chocolate	50	4 50
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 1 cent blue	15	1 40
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 2 cent blue	15	1 40
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 3 cent blue	10	90
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 6 cent blue	10	90
Canada Bill, 1st issue 9 cent blue	10	90
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 10 cent blue	25	—
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 20 cent blue	50	—
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 50 cent blue	1 00	9 00
Canada Bill, 1st issue, well assorted	15	1 25
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 1 cent scarlet	15	1 10
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 2 cent scarlet	15	1 10
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 3 cent scarlet	10	50
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 6 cent scarlet	10	60
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 7 & 8 cent scarlet, assorted	2 00	18 00
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Canada Bill, 2nd issne, 10 cent blue	45	00
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 30 cent blue	70	6 50
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 50 cent blue	95	9 00
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 1c brown	05	40
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 2c red	05	40
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 3c green	05	20
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 6c green	05	25
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 9c green	05	25
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 10c blue	05	45
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 20c blue	10	60
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 50c blue	10	75
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, $1 blue and black	—	—
Canada current, 5c and 6c evenly assorted	07	50
Cuba, 1857, ½ r. p. blue	10	80
Cuba, 1866, 10c blue	20	1 75
Cuba, 1867, 10c blue	15	1 40
Cuba, 1864, ½ r. p. green	15	1 40
Cuba, 1871, 25c blue	10	90
Cuba, 1874, 25c blue	10	90
Cuba, 1879, 25c blue	10	75
Cuba, 1876, 25c lilac	10	90
Cuba, 1876, 50c blue	25	—
Cuba, 1875, 25c blue	10	90
Cuba, 1871, 50c green	20	—
Cuba, 1873, 25c lilac	10	—
Cuba, 1873, 50c brown	25	—
Cuba, 1878, 25c green	10	90
Cuba, 1869, 10c brown	10	90
Canada Revenues, well assorted	**7**	**50**
Canada, 1882, ½ cent, black	5	45
" register, 2 cent, orange	5	45
" " 2 cent, carmine	10	65
" " 5 cent, green	5	40
" 1859, 1 cent, pink	25	2 45
" " 5 cent, red	16	1 50
" 1853, 3d, red	1 60	15 00
Dutch Indies, assorted	5	45
Dutch Indies, 1870, 10c, brown	05	30
Dutch Indies, 1884, 2c, brown	05	35
Egypt, assorted	05	40
Finland, assorted	05	25
Foreign Revenues, very finely assorted	**10**	**75**
Gibraltar, 2 varieties, assorted	25	1 90
Grenada, 1892, 1d on 8d, bister	2 25	18 00
Grenada, 1892, 1d on 6d, violet	2 25	18 00
Grenada, 1883, ½d green	15	1 25
Grenada, 1883, 1d rose	20	1 60
Grenada, 1883, 2½ blue	20	—
Greece, finely assorted	05	30
Gibraltar, 2 varieties, well assorted	20	1 75
Henchal, 3 varieties assorted	25	2 25
India, On H. M. S., assorted	05	25
India, well assorted	5	20
Italy, well assorted	—	10
Italy, unpaid, 50 and 100 lire, evenly assorted	1 40	12 25
Japan, 2 sen., red	—	10
Japan, 15 sen., violet	5	25
Jamaica, well assorted	5	40
Malta, 2½, blue	20	1 75
Mexico, official, brown	10	60
Mexican Revenues, finely assorted	**10**	**70**
" 1888, 10 cent, scarlet	4	20
" " 20 " "	20	1 50
" " 25 " "	30	2 50
" 1884, 50 cent, green	70	6 00
Mexico, 1886, 1c green	05	40
Mexico, 1886, 2c carmine	07	50
Mexico, 1888, 3c scarlet	10	65
Mexico, 1888, 4c scarlet	10	65
Mexico, 1886, 5c blue	05	40
Mexico, fine assortment	07	50
Newfoundland, 1890, 3c slate	30	—
Natal, 1d rose	05	25
New Zealand, 1882, 4d sea green	14	1 25
New Zealand, 1882, 6d brown	20	1 75
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, ½d violet	25	2 25
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, 1d blue	15	1 40
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, 2d red-brown	25	2 25
New South Wales, 1889, official, 1d violet	05	50
New South Wales, 1889, official, 2d blue	05	50
Newfoundland, 3 cent, brown	15	1 25
New Zealand, ½, 1, 2d, assorted	—	15
New Zealand Revenues, assorted	07	50
Norway, well assorted	—	15
New South Wales, assorted	5	20
Nova Scotia, 3d, blue	8 25	—
" 5 cent, blue	1 20	11 00
Portuguese Indies, 1886, 6r, green	20	—
Puttialla State Service, ½a, green	15	1 25
" " " 1a, brown	25	2 00
" " " 3 var., assorted	20	1 75
Portugal, 1879, 150 ries, yellow	40	3 75
Portuguese Indies, 3 varieties, assorted	20	1 50
Portugal, finely assorted	—	15
Queensland, assorted	05	20

St. Vincent, 1889, 2½d on 1d	1 00	9 50
Spain, 1872, 12 de p. mauve	15	1 25
South Australia, 1887, 6d, blue	15	1 20
Switzerland, finely assorted	—	10
South America, finely assorted	—	50
Sweden, finely assorted	—	15
Spain, well assorted	—	15
Travancore, 1 ch, blue	25	—
Trinidad, 1883, ½d green	10	75
Trinidad, 1883, 1d rose	10	75
Trinidad, 1883, 2½d blue	20	1 50
United States Revenue, 2c orange, U. S. I. R.	—	10
" " " 2c " Bank check	—	10
" " " 2c blue, "	—	10
" " 1872, 1c blue	—	10
" " 1872, 3c green	—	10
" " 1882, 2c claret	—	8
" " 1884, 4c carmine	15	1 40
" " 1890, 4, 5 and 10 assorted	5	25
U. S , 1869, 6 cent, blue	3 00	—
U. S., 1861, 1 cent, blue	20	1 75
U. S., 1863, 2 cent, black	20	1 75
U. S., 1857, 1 cent, blue	80	7 50
U. S., 1869, 3 cent, blue	13	1 10
U. S., 1883, 4 cent green	10	75
U. S., 1885, 5 cent blue	08	45
U. S., 1882, 5 cent brown	06	45
U. S., 1872, 10 cent brown	06	40
U. S., 1890, 3 cent, violet	10	—
U. S., 1890, 6 cent, brown-red	25	—
U. S. Columbians, assorted	—	15
U. S. Postage Due, 2 cent, claret	05	20
U. S. Postage Due, assorted	05	30
U. S. Envelopes, finely assorted	05	20
U. S. of Columbia, assorted	05	45
U. S., 1890, 10 cent green	5	20
" 1851, "	3 75	—
U. S. Postage Due, 1 cent, claret	5	30
" " 8 cent, brown	10	90
" " 10 cent, brown	15	1 40
" " 3 cent	10	90
" " 6 cent	30	2 75
Victoria, 1884, 3d, bister	20	1 90
" 4d. carmine	20	1 90
Western Australia, 1889, 1d rose	40	3 25
" " " 2d slate	55	5 00
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" finely assorted	3 50	15 00
Mexico, official brown	5 00	20 00
*New Brunswick, 5c green	20 00	98 00
* " " 2c orange	40 00	190 00
New Zealand, well assorted	1 40	6 00
Portugal, "	1 20	6 00
*Sardinia, 1 and 15c, assorted	2 25	—
United States Postage Due, 2c	1 50	—
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" " 1c to 1 peso, 10 var	75	2 00
Italy, Segnatasse, 1, 2, 5, 10 lire	15	45
" " 50 to 100 "	90	2 50
Mexico, current, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c	35	3 00
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THE SEVERED SPECIMEN.

THE STRANGE STORY OF A STAMP.

By A. Massachusetts Ladd.

I HAD been in Boston for the greater part of the day, and was returning home on the four o'clock train. It was nearly half-past four, and the train was approaching Sharon, having left Canton Junction but five minutes before.

The car in which I sat was nearly filled, and after studying the faces around me, mentally deciding that this one was a mechanic, that one a book-keeper, another one a stock-broker, yet another a coal-dealer and so on; after I had amused myself for half-an-hour in this manner, my material having given out, I took from an inner pocket my pocket album for duplicates. Had it not been for this very incident, trifling as it was, my story would never have been written. On this incident is based the strangest chain of circumstances in which a postage stamp ever played a leading part.

I was still looking at some of the specimens therein, wondering if any of those little bits of paper had any unusual history connected with them, when the train came to a halt at the popular summer resort of Sharon.

A number of passengers alighted and about an equal number got aboard, the majority of whom entered the car in which I was seated. Among the latter was a gentleman, apparently forty years of age, but whom I thought could not be much over thirty. Somewhat above medium height, built in proportion, full brown beard, dark eyes, which would attract attention anywhere—all giving to his face an expression never to be forgotten by the beholder—undoubtedly a man who had had more than his share of trouble in this wide world of ours. I put him down as a traveller whose history would be interesting to hear.

Pausing beside the seat of which I occupied half, he asked in clear, steady tones, which I imagined had a sad ring to them, if the seat, indicating the unoccupied one beside me, was engaged, and, if not, if I had any objection to him sitting there The last clause I thought somewhat strange, but did not quite understand it till some time later. For, surely, if the seat was not engaged, he could and had a perfect right to sit there, whether I objected or not. Few persons are retiring enough in disposition to ask that.

The stranger seated himself, and as I was about to return the duplicate album to my pocket he observed it and asked if he might look at it; also asking if I was a stamp collector. My answer was:

"Yes; are you?"

"Well, not exactly; I was, am not now, and yet I am in a certain way. I'm after a part of a certain stamp; it's all I want for my collection; I'd pay thousands for it."

What did the man mean? However, I asked: "You do and yet you don't? Sort of a 'now you see it and now you don't.'" By the way, basing my question on the affirmative clause of your statement, may I ask the number of stamps in your collection?"

"Yes; *I have half a one.*"

"Half a one?" I ejaculated interrogatively, "I do not quite understand."

"It is a short, sad story, but if you wish I'll tell it to you?"

I assured him that I would be pleased to hear it, whereupon he began.

"You are, or rather will be when I have told you, the only living person to whom I ever imparted my story. But I feel that you are in some way to help me to find the missing part of my stamp and also my darling."

His darling! A woman in the case? Sure. They are always "in it."

"But we haven't told each other our names yet. Here is my card, and he handed me a neat pasteboard, on which was inscribed:

"MAURICE STOCKTON,
The World."

"Do you represent the *World*, Mr. Stockton?"

"Oh, no; I'm no reporter. I have no home; I am a wanderer upon the face of the earth—no city claims me for a citizen. I've travelled the world over in the past seven years, and am at home in one part as well as in another; I've had no home since Marion went away; I have need of none." And his voice was sad indeed.

I then handed Mr. Stockton my card, inscribed thus:

"A. M. LADD,
Detective."

Looking at it he queried:

"You are a detective, then?"

"Yes."

"Then perhaps you can help me. So here is my story:

"Ten—no, eleven years ago I, then a young man of twenty, entered ———College, in New York State. You have probably heard of it."

"Yes; I have been through it."

"Indeed. I'm glad to meet a graduate from there. What class were you in?"

"Oh, I went through as a sight-seeing pedestrian—not as a student."

"Oh," said my seat-mate, in a tone of regret, you joke. "Well I suppose it's all right.

"Well, this institution was on the co-education principle, and therefore young ladies were among the students.

"Among them was one—Marian Littlefield her name was—to whom I seemed attracted. The attraction was mutual. We became acquainted, we fell in love, and oh! we had it bad. Time passed swiftly, and we became engaged, and were to be married one month after graduation."

"Marian Littlefield! Where had I heard that name before? It certainly sounded familiar; it certainly connected somewhere with my memory. But where? I could not remember then."

"I was rich, and so was Marian. So it was not a money alliance. Neither knew of the other's financial status till sometime after we became acquainted. No, it was love. Oh, heaven, how I loved her, and I love her still!"

"She still lives, then?"

"I don't know; that's why I tell you my story; you are a detective; I want you to find her—or her grave.

"Well, about two months before graduation we had a week's vacation. I, by the way, boarded at a boarding house established for the express custom of the students. Marian boarded in a private family, as did most of the girls. The advantage and purpose of this is manifest," and my friend actually smiled, the first such emotion he had exhibited since entering the car.

"I was with her there one evening during the vacation; she did not seem like her usual self; I playfully chided her about it. Then she told me she had a presentment of an approaching evil, just what it was she could not tell, but that it would in some way interfere with our approaching happiness. I laughed at her fears and kissed her, but she refused to be comforted. But I have left out one very important fact in telling you my story. I forgot to tell you we had an additional bond of friendship, besides our mutual love. She was a stamp collector and had a fine collection. Now I can resume intelligibly.

"Opening her album, Marian turned to the page devoted to Costa Rica. Taking therefrom the two reales scarlet stamp of 1865, she tore it in halves, vertically giving it an uneven terminator and handed one part to me, saying, 'take it, Maurice; it was issued in the year I was born. Take it; keep it; cherish it; remember that whatever happens our lives are as those sundered parts—they belong to each other; they should be as one.' And Marian continued in that strange manner for some time. Now I really thought she had been affected by a bad dream, or something of that sort, and would be all right when I would see her on the morrow, and when I left an hour or so later I kissed her tears away and made light of her fears.

"But I didn't see her on the morrow, nor have I seen her since that memorable day when we parted by the mysotis at the gate. Little did I think of the significance of that little blue flower, for, as you probably know, it is also known as the forget-me-not.

"I called for her the next day and was informed that she was not to be found, that she had disappeared during the preceding night, probably toward morning, as her bed showed evidences of having been slept in. Then I remembered her presentment. Had it come true? It seemed so. At about the middle of the afternoon I sent for one of the best known detectives in New York, having informed the local police of the affair, and they having made no progress in the case.

"It was well on toward dusk of the next day when I was startled by the newsboys' cries of 'Here's yer evenin' papers! all about the Littlefield poisonin' case!—only two cents." I bought one in feverish haste, to find out what it all meant. And I did find out. There it was in glaring headlines:

'A FEMALE FIEND.'

"And it went on to tell how Marian Littlefield nad returned from college, and, in some manner unknown, induced her father to draw all his money from the bank, and also to convert into cash most of his personal property, whereupon she poisoned her parents and, with the money, fled with a young man of whom a description was given.

"This was the substance of it; I can't give it in detail. You can imagine my feelings at reading this. It was a great shock to the community as well as to myself. Of course I knew that there was a mistake somewhere. But would others think so, notwithstanding the high estimation in which Marian was held by all who knew her?

"My detective arrived.

"He took up the case and traced the fugitive pair to a town thirty miles away, where he lost all trace of them, and, try as he could, failed to regain it.

"Well, to make a long and bitter story short, the case ran its sensational course in the newspapers, occupied the minds of the various police departments for awhile, and then gave place to newer sensations. It is the way of the world. But I kept several detectives on the case for years, but to no avail. It was the mystery of the times, and remains to-day unsolved."

"Do you consider it a conspiracy?" I asked.

"Yes; most emphatically. Marian has been spirited away somewhere and the scheme carried out by clever criminals,—that's my opinion."

"Perhaps."

"Perhaps! I *know* so! I knew Marian; you didn't or you wouldn't be so skeptical. She was true! Some plot separated us! You are a detective, help me find my lost darling and I'll be your slave. Find the missing part of the severed specimen and you'll find Marian. I see it all now; her presentment told her to do it, and she divided the stamp. Do you think a girl could do as she did and yet be unfaithful?"

"Hardly. But, say; I suppose you have the severed specimen with you?"

"I have it here," and he took from a small envelope in his memorandum book the mutilated piece. It was as he had said, part of the *dos reales* red Costa Rica, issued in 1865. His was the right-hand half.

Handing it back to him, he returned it carefully to its place in his book, bestowing upon it a wistful look as he did so.

He then showed me Marian's photograph, which he always carried with him. She was a beautiful girl—a handsome brunette.

We, after a little more conversation on the subject, which, however, will be of comparatively little interest to the reader, rolled into the Taunton depot.

Standing on the platform, evidently waiting for the train, was a man whom I knew. I thought of my strange seat-mate. and then I knew the mission of the man on the platform.

He was the superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum at this place.

As my strange friend and I stepped upon the platform, the asylum-keeper touched Stockton on the arm, and told him that he was wanted. My friend look around as if to run, but evidently changed his mind and walked away with Mr. Keeper, admonishing me to remember my promise.

I told him I would, and then went to my home. As customary, when at home of an evening, I took up a daily and started to read, but, try as I would, I could not keep my mind on the words before me. The case of the stranger would rise before. Finally I threw down the paper in disgust, and gave myself up to cogitating on Mr. Stockton's strange case. The name Marian Littlefield kept ringing in my ears. *Where* had I heard it before?

"Ah, I have it!" I exclaimed; my memory came

to my aid. I remembered of having heard my folks speak of the Littlefield poisoning case when I was a boy. It had been the talk in every household, and I had recalled the circumstance after all these years. Why had I not thought of that when my narrator had told his story. I know not and then rose the question: Might not Maurice Stockton be right? might not his story be true? The "Littlefield Case" was a fact, his story was closely connected. Perhaps he was not so badly "off" as I had thought, If it *was* a fact, very likely his troubles had made him so. His manner was merely *strange*, after all; perhaps he had been insane, which would account for his connection with the asylum, but was nearly recovered.

I resolved to investigate.

The next day I left for the city wherein was the college in question Arriving there, I sought police headquarters, where I obtained much information from official records. I visited also the old college, the young lady's boarding-place, and also Mr. Stockton's boarding-place. Then I left for the town where the trace had been lost.

Entering the train, I secured a seat on the left about midway of one of the cars. On the right a few seats ahead, were a couple who attracted my attention. Why? Well, we detectives do a great many things we cannot give reasons for, and many detectives can and will tell you that they owe their successes in many instances to unaccountable suggestions, whose foundations are unknown. So it was in this instance. Then it passed through my mind that with a "little making up" the feminine part of the combination might make a passable *Marian Littlefield.*

Intuition prompted me to devote my attention to them. How? I wanted to get nearer to hear what they said. Fortune favored me. The seat directly behind them was vacated at the next stopping place. I quickly ensconced myself therein. They had not looked around once since I had entered the car, and therefore would not regard me with suspicion.

They were talking to each other in low tones, but on "straining my ears," as the expression goes, I heard them mention the name of the next station, also "Hubbard" and "*Littlefield.*"

Ah, now I thought I saw. My unaccountable suggestions were evolving. "Hubbard," it came to me, was the name of the proprietor of a private madhouse in the town to which I was going—our next stopping-place. And then the mention of the name, "Littlefield." A theory suggested itself in my mind.

"Then," thought I to myself, "I'll bet they are bound there but won't get out there; but I will instead go two stations farther down the road and then 'back-track,' for an 'up' train would come along at the right time to take them up."

"Why two stations instead of one?" the reader may ask. Well, I reasoned thus: A change at the first station would necessitate a wait, whereby more conspicuity would ensue; whereas if they changed at the next station, all they would have to do would be to change trains, thereby courting less attention.

My experience with criminals has taught me that the average one is no fool, as far as smartness is concerned.

I alighted at the next station. Thirty minutes later the "up" train came in, and among the passengers who alighted were my quarries.

"I "shadowed" them; as I expected, they made their way to the madhouse, though somewhat circuitously. They entered; I boldly followed, entering by means of a picklock which I always carried when "on cases."

I overheard enough to convince me that Marian Littlefield was incarcerated there, and hat the precious pair were none other than a certain "criminal duet," well-known to the police authorities all over the country, and whose whereabouts were at that time unknown. Though they were "wanted," and I could officially and legally arrest them, I needed a warrant to search the madhouse. These institutions—the private ones—are always objects of suspicion to the authorities, but something tangible must be obtained against them before they can be interfered with. Hence, deciding I could get out and obtain the necessity and return before my game would leave, I ran the risk and went at once to headquarters. Returning with two officers, and armed with a search warrant, I rang the bell; the proprietor, Hubbard, answered in person. At the sight of the officers he turned pale. At the mention of Marian Littlefield's name he turned still paler, and denied that she was there.

His denial convicted him, for I had said nothing about her being there, having merely asked him if he knew such a person.

I produced the search warrant, and then the doctor "came down," as the boys express it.

We entered and, as I expected, found Jim Shin and wife. They were arrested. We kept on, and under the leadership of the "doctor" was led to a room in which was confined *Marian Littlefield.* Of the criminal part of my story little remains to be told. The guilty parties were punished according to law.

The *modus operandi* of the crime came out at the trial. It seems that "Jim Shin" was something of a hypnotist, and through this medium got possession of Marian. Jim's partner then "made up" as Marian and went to the latter's home. As Marian she induced Mr. Littlefield to cash all available property and withdraw his money from the bank. Just how this was accomplished was not told, but probably hypnotism had something to do with it.

No lives would have been sacrificed in the consummation of the scheme had not old man Littlefield discovered the deception and imparted his discovery to his wife. To silence them murder was committed.

Leaving Marian in proper care for the restoration of her health. I left for home, and in my pocket was *the missing part of the severed stamp.*

I had told Marian the story of my meeting with her lover, of my hunt for her, and at my request she let me have *the severed specimen.*

Arriving home I went to the asylum. Soon I was in conversation with Maurice Stockton, who was about to be pronounced cured and was to be liberated the next day. To him I told the story of my success. He produced the right half, *I produced the left, the severed parts matched.*

It was still a "severed specimen," but not sundered. They were together as one.

As those separated ports met, so did my friend Stockton and Miss Littlefield a few days later; as were the sundered parts united, as were two loyal, loving hearts.

His trouble gone, Maurice was his old self again, and not a vestige of his mental trouble remained. After the several years of travel following his college experience he had become demented and was committed by friends where he had happened to be. He had nearly recovered and had escaped when I met him on the train; yet unwittingly he had come back.

They were quietly married, and went south for Marian's health.

They now have a magnificent stamp collection, but not a specimen therein holds place with THE SEVERED SPECIMEN.

MY NOVA SCOTIA SHILLING.

BY CHAS. E. JENNEY.

TO introduce myself, it will only be necessary to say that I am a stamp collector. I have scraped together by various means in the course of ten years about three thousand varieties. In the course of my collecting I have met with many adventures, amusing and otherwise, have had lots of fun and have got together a collection of which I am very proud, although it is not what would be called a valuable one. Many of my stamps I have come by in queer and extraordinary manners, and I have a Nova Scotia shilling, the history of whose acquisition I must relate to you.

It was about three years ago, when my collection was about half its present size. I had a pretty fair lot of Nova Scotia stamps, but the possession of a genuine shilling was a little beyond my expectations at that time. I was on a visit to a friend in New York City and had taken in all the sights of the big city, visited all the stamp dealers and made a few small purchases, and was on the lookout for finds and I found one. I had my album with me, but had never shown it to my cousins. One evening I was sitting in the library hinging a few new purchases into my album, when my cousin Fanny, who was alone with me (the rest had gone to the theatre), asked me to play a game of euchre.

"All right," said I, "as soon as I have stuck in two more stamps."

"So you are a stamp crank, are you?" said she. "You are almost as bad as my friend, Alice Murray used to be. I never told you about it, did I?" she continued. "I guess she has got more stamps than you ever saw—an awful lot; she papered her room with them."

"What," said I, "stuck them all over the walls?"

"Yes About three years ago she heard of somebody papering a room with old postage stamps, and, as her father has lots of stamps come to him, she thought she would try it. She asked all her friends to save them up for her, and in about a year had a whole trunkful—an awful lot—I do not remember just how many, but it must have been almost a million. Then she had what she called a papering bee. She sent out invitations to all her friends to help her stick them on the walls of her room. The trunkful of stamps was placed in the middle of the room, and there were benches and step-ladders for the boys to climb up on, for they had to paper the ceiling and top of the walls, and we girls began at the mouldings and worked upward. There were a lot of dishes of paste already made up, and we set to work. We had great fun, and every once in a while we found funny stamps with such queer pictures on them. When we got tired of pasting, we had games out in the other rooms, and refreshments. We met twice a week for seven or eight weeks, and at the last 'bee' we finished the room, having papered the four walls and the ceiling so that there was not the least speck of plastering showing through. Then we had dedicatory exercises and speeches and toasts, and all that sort of thing, you know, and then we voted for the prettiest stamp on the walls. The most of them voted for a funny square purple stamp with a pretty leaf design on it—I think it said New Brunswick, or Nova Scotia, or something like that, on it. I thought it was pretty, but I thought a little red one with a beaver on it was prettier; it was so odd, too. You have one like it? Yes, that is it."

"Who is Alice Murray? Where does she live? Has she got the stamps on the walls now? Do you suppose I could see them? Could you introduce me?"

These questions were rapidly rattled off from my tongue with an interest and energy that showed me thoroughly in earnest, and Fanny replied to them as thoroughly as she could. Alice Murray was a friend of hers—a real nice girl—she knew that I would like her. Yes, of course she would introduce me.

Well, I did not take much interest in our game of euchre that evening and Fanny beat me shamefully, for thoughts of that stamp-adorned room floated through my brain, and that purple stamp—could it be a Nova Scotia shilling?

I dreamed that night that my bed room was papered with Nova Scotia shillings, and even the morning light scarcely drove the purple mist from before my eyes.

A few evenings later, I was introduced to Miss Murray. In spite of prescribed customs on such occasions, she was not charmingly beautiful nor did I fall in love with her at first sight. She was just an ordinary young lady, with an attractive face and pleasing manner, and I mentally sized her up as tip-top. Fanny told her I was a stamp collector, and how I was interested in hearing that she had so many.

"Oh," she said, "you are interested in stamps. Well, you must come up and see mine. Everybody says it is quite a curiosity, but it has become quite an old story to me." And then she told me how she had got the idea, how she had collected the stamps and how they had been put in place. She said that she had had almost a waste basket full left over, but she had destroyed them. There were about five hundred thousand stamps on the walls. As this was a common hobby to us, we got so interested in talking it over that in a short time we came to feel like old friends. I had expressed a very earnest wish to see her room, and she had again heartily invited me to call and do so.

"Well," said Fanny the next morning, "how did you like my friend, Alice Murray? You spent most all the evening talking with her. Isn't she sweet?"

"She is very nice," said I, "and we had a fine time talking over stamps."

"Stamps!" said Fanny; "Pshaw! couldn't you find anything more agreeable to talk about to a young lady?"

"Well, we got on very nicely," said I, "and she has invited me to call and see her."

"Oh, oh, oh, you are a sly one! Shall you go?"

"Yes, of course; why not?"

So a few days later Fanny and I called on Miss Murray and found her at home. After a little conversation, the subject of which I do not remember, although the charming manner of our hostess remained impressed on my memory, she said:—

"I suppose you want to see the stamp room. Come this way, please."

I felt a little awed at entering this virgin sanctum, but my philatelic enthusiasm arose within me as I discovered at once a rare Japanese stamp just at my right on entering.

"Isn't this great!" said I.

"Here," she said, "is the stamp we thought was the prettiest."

She walked over to the opposite side of the room and raised the shades a trifle higher, and there, just above our heads, was the Nova Scotia shilling. My admiration was outspoken, and when she saw that I recognized the stamp and seemed to set a great value on it she was surprised and asked about it. I told

her of its value and how eagerly it was sought by collectors, and then I told her about other stamps and showed her that she had some rare ones among the many common ones on the walls. She listened with interest, and I found I had gained another devotee for Philatelia.

I found many stamps new to me on the walls, although of course the greater part were common Americans. I felt as though I was walking around inside the covers of a great stamp album. The ceiling was covered entirely with blue stamps, a great many of the fifteen centimes French being among the number, but the sides of the room were covered in a style which our grandmothers called "hit or miss," which gave the room a decidedly Oriental appearance. So interested did I become in examining the walls that our call was prolonged considerably beyond what is considered the proper time for a call in New York, and Fanny had to remind me that it was already getting late. I parted reluctantly with Miss Murray and her stamps, but was partly consoled by a promise from her to call and see my collection

My stay in New York lasted another month, and after this I often met Miss Murray and we became very intimate. She informed me one day that she was going to have the stamps soaked off, that is, all the good ones, and her room papered with a less expensive paper, and she was going to start a collection of stamps. Would I come up some time and show her which ones to save? Of course I would be delighted to. And so she began collecting. She gave me several of which she had duplicates, which added to my collection, and I advised her in the purchase of an album and a catalogue. She learned very rapidly and became an enthusiast. Of course she retained the Nova Scotia shilling. She had offered it to me when I first expressed my admiration for it, but I declined to accept a gift so valuable in my eyes, and she now kept it as the gem of her album.

One day we were out for a ride in the country. I had got out of the carriage to pick a flower for her when a freight train rushed by near us. The horses became frightened and stood upon their haunches, and were just starting to run as I leaped for the bridle. I caught it, however, and my hold was good. I was dragged about a hundred yards, and came out of it with no worse mishap than a broken arm. Miss Murray was not even frightened on her own account, but I noticed she was almost as pale as I was before I fainted, a little later, from the pain. A week later, with my arm in a sling, I left New York for my Canadian home. Miss Murray was at the station to see me off and pressed into my hand a little present, she said, which she wished me to accept. She would be very sorry if I did not, and she wanted me to wait till I got home before I opened it. I promised and then bid her good-bye, received a promise from her to write, and the cars sped out to northward. I felt a little lonesome to think that it would be many a long month, perhaps years, before I should see Miss Murray again.

Two days afterwards I was at home, and almost my first act after greeting my parents and brothers was to go to my room and open the little envelope that Alice had given me. You have probably guessed it already. It was the Nova Scotia shilling. My first thought was to write to her, enclosing it and refusing to accept it, but upon further thought I changed my mind, and so I have it to-day. Not only is it the most valuable stamp in my collection from a monetary standpoint, but from its associations I rank it far above all the rest.

I still correspond with Miss Murray and hope some day to meet her again and compare collections with her. I sometimes ask her if she does not regret parting with the Nova Scotia stamp, but she always replies that if it had been a "Connell" or a "Brattleboro" she would have given it as cheerfully.

STRAY FANCIES.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

As I turn o'er the leaves of my album.
With face full of joy and of glee,
Queer costumes of knights and fair ladies
Glide forth and seem beck'ning to me;
Long trains of those noted in history
Their destinies seem to pursue,
And pass me in grandeur so stately,
As armies pass by in review.

I see the bright fruits of the tropics;
The Italian olives so green,
The orange and figs of the Grecian,
And currants the finest e'er seen.
In fancy I see India's poppies,
Nutmegs of the brown Siamese;
The indigo plant of Columbia,
And the tea from the heathen Chinese.

And the sinews and brains of these nations—
The great common people, the best—
Who develop resources, and labor
With energy, vigor and zest.
I see the plain Newfoundland fisher,
The French cultivating the vine;
The sugar plantations of Cuba,
And Russian deep down in the mine.

I can see the sweet milkmaids in Holland,
The Swiss and their carvers of clocks;
The granite and marble of Scotland,
And ship builders at the Clyde docks;
The glass blowers there in Bohemia,
The gatherers of cork here in Spain;
The Brazilian coffee plantations,
And India's tall fields of grain.

They tell me Philately's worthless,
I'm wasting my money and time.
But let these dissenters awaken,
And look o'er these notable lines
Of sages, and patriots, and workers,
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WHY DO WE IGNORE THEM?

BY ROY F. GREENE.

WHEN the United States, in 1878, ceased to issue adhesives for the use of the various departments of national affairs, and substituted therefor a series of so-called "penalty' envelopes, philatelists at once ignored these successors of the popular departments, and no value whatever is set upon them by cataloguers.

This has always seemed strangely queer to me, and I have sought in vain for a good reason for their being cast aside as of no consequence, and no spaces left in our albums for them.

I may seem bold in rushing into print in defence of these stamps which a popular verdict has seemed to cast aside, but there seems to be a diversity of opinion on the subject, and a great many collectors are asking themselves the question, whether these will ever be collected, hence I feel that at least a reason should be given for their unpopularity.

Of course they are not pretty, but they are a true governmental issue, they are the natural successors of the bright colored departments, they are used postally, and are certainly true postage stamps.

While I would not be accused of championing their cause, I nevertheless feel them to be much more worthy of a place in our albums than other stamps for which spaces are provided. For example there are the Bavarian return letter stamps which at best look like trade mark labels, and of the cheapest and least artistic designs at that.

Who can say that they are more worthy a place in our collections than these same penalty envelopes?

Then the insured letter stamps of Columbia, with their different varieties of borders which enthuse the advanced collectors, and the thousand and one other emissions of foreign governments that collectors and dealers seize upon and go wild over, no matter how unworthy they may be to grace our album's pages.

And then the collecting of bands and seals used by the post office department that really have no postal significance, and which in a slang sense "come high but we must have them."

After all these extremes and a seeming desire on the part of some to create enthusiasm over every bit of scrap paper which emanates from the postal department, still these penalty envelopes are ignored.

Perhaps the grand Moguls who dictate to us what we shall and shall not collect have ruled wisely in casting this particular issue into the realms of unsought specimens, but we can cite precedents where other stamps have been held up for public worship none the more worthy.

Still in arguing the *pros* and *cons* of this question I have been led to ask where this thing is ever going to stop, for if we collect these penalty stamps on the grounds that they are legitimate because used postally, why not for the same reason collect the franks of the 444 members of Congress and the 88 United States Senators, whose autographs in the upper right-hand corner of an envelope containing public documents are sufficent to insure their prompt delivery by the emissaries of Uncle Sam's postal service.

So it seems we must draw the line somewhere, and it may be that it has wisely been drawn at these same department envelopes, but since these are ignored I shall hope to see in future so-called standard catalogues some of the conflicting features eliminated, and the same Bavarian "return letter" stamps and like specimens relegated to the rear.

"Oh consistency, thou art a jewel."

But still, many of the younger collectors are trying to complete their sets of these same penalty envelopes, and some are even laying by a stock hoping they may some day command attention. In my own collection I have nearly a complete set of these stamps arranged on a blank page, and while they lack artistic force they are, as I think, pleasing to look upon as successors of the now so popular departmental issue.

Everyone has, without donbt, their opinions of this subject, and from them I would like to hear of the reasons why they should be ignored.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

J. L. B.—We have no knowledge of any stamp paper published in Edinburgh, Scotland.

L. S., Albert Lea, Minn.—If *postally used* the stamp mentioned by you is worth about 10 or 15 cents.

G. M. W., Louisville, Ky.—(1) If you are unable to hear from the Custom authorities at Toronto, write The Minister of Customs, Ottawa, Canada. (2) Your advt. was only paid for two insertions.

St. John, N. B., April 10, 1893.

I wish to warn collectors to be on the lookout for bogus split stamps (provisionals) of New Brunswick, on "original envelopes." An irresponsible young fellow of this city (whose name I will withhold for the present) is putting these things on the market for sale or exchange. His plan is to get the common 5c. green on the envelopes (the cancellation covering the stamp only, and not extending to the envelope) remove the stamp and substitute one-half of an unused 10c., which is then neatly cancelled with a rubber stamp made in exact imitation of the old "gridiron" cancellation of New Brunswick. The forgery is difficult to detect, but in most cases the cancellation is of a somewhat deeper black, and has a fresher appearance than the genuine provisionals. I have reason to believe that this party is also manufacturing Nova Scotian as well as New Brunswick splits in the manner described. The existence of such forgeries might tend to throw discredit upon genuine split provisionals, my own for example. Persons obtaining any doubtful stamps of this kind from this city or neighborhood will do well to send them to me for inspection. I will gladly advise as to their genuineness, and in the case of forgeries will, if necessary, take measures to have the offender punished according to law.

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P. S. C., 28; S. of P., 299.

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THE MONTH.

As our readers will readily see, this is a new department, our object being to give our subscribers all the latest news in as brief a form as possible.—The Halifax branch, Knights of Philatelia, held their regular meeting on March 15th. Attendance only fair. An enjoyable evening was spent. G. E. Nichols, 197 S. Park Place, New York, is the Secretary.—H. A. Fowler, of Toronto, is shortly to issue the *Canadian Journal of Philately*, as will be seen elsewhere. It promises to be a representative magazine, but it seems to us that the subscription is somewhat high. —The new 8 cent stamp of both the Columbian and small issues are now on sale, as also are the Columbian envelopes.—The new official organ of the Western Philatelic Union for the coming year is the *Metropolitan Philatelist*.—Guelph, Ont., has just organized a live Philatelic Club. One of the first things the club did was to forward their subscription to the CANADIAN PHILATELIST, which they consider *the best* philatelic magazine for the price. Secretary, Leonard Galbraith, Box 596, Guelph, Ont.—The 1 cent Columbian has been touched up and appears in a lighter shade than formerly.—We are told that *Roger's Philatelic Blue-Book* will be published and mailed by May 1st without fail. Mr. Rogers is to be congratulated on the successful completion of a work of so much importance to Philately.—Have you ordered a copy of the official catalogue of the American Philatelic Association World's Fair exhibit? You should do so.—The *Pennsylvania Philatelist* is going to issue a special 100 page Columbian issue in May. If the publishers carry out their prospectus to the letter it promises to be an excepitonally fine number.— The business of the Chicago Postage Stamp Co., of Chicago, Ill., is in the hands of the receiver, who states that all accounts will be paid within 60 days.— The P. S. of C. receives 8 new members and 4 applications according to the Secretary's report for April. —The American Dealers' and Collectors' Philatelic Association, which was organized Jan. 1st, 1893, is now well under way with a membership of nearly 50 prominent dealers and collectors. The official organ, the *Eagle Philatelist*, is sent to all members, and will contain full accounts of the doings of this society. The main object of this society is to protect the members from frauds, there being one officer whose entire attention will be to watch for them and notify the members of their existence. The departments will be the same as in any other society, and all good-standing philatelists are invited to join. Dues, 50c. per year. No other expense and no initiation fee. C. D. Reimers, of Auburn Park, Ill., is the newly elected President; L. M. Lang, of 752 N. Eutoff St., Baltimore, Md., is the Secretary.—The exhibit of the stamps of India and Ceylon which was recently held by the London Philatelic Society was such a success that it is intended to hold another exhibition shortly. —It is said that the *Western Philatelist* will not appear.—Now that the Columbian 8 cent stamp is issued someone starts and advocates a 13 cent stamp. Well, some people are never satisfied!—We see by the *Long Island Philatelist* that both Greece and Transvaal are to issue new sets of stamps in May.— Are you a member of the P. S. of C.? If not, you should send at once to the Secretary. Mr. H. F. Mooers, of Kingston, Ont., for particulars, which he will cheerfully forward.—Mr. H. S. Dickson, of this city, informs us that it is altogether probable that he will not issue another number of the *Philatelic Journal of Canada*, probably for the same reason that caused that Journal to omit issuing a December and January number.—While speaking of Mr. Dickson, we might also say that he has moved from his little office in the Robinson Hall Chambers and announces his intention of retiring as a stamp dealer.— Mr. Alva Davidson has resigned the editorship of the *Post Office*.—Mr. R. F. Albrecht & Co. hold a very important sale of U. S. stamps on April 18th and 19th. It will be their 13th sale, and among the many nice stamps offered will be the following:—6 copies of the New York, 1843, 3 cent blue, various shades and papers; New York, 1845, 5 cent black, 8 copies, amongst which is to be found an unused copy on watermarked paper which is unique; St. Louis 10 cent, unused; Franklin Carrier; an unused and a used 3 cent scarlet, also an unused 3 cent grilled all over, in perfect condition, and another on the entire. The sale is also rich in Confederate Provisionals. You should send for a catalogue to the publishers at 90 Nassau St., N. Y.—The October, November and December numbers of the *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* came to hand about the 1st of April.—The *Stamp Collector's Companion* is now ready for delivery and as it is a book that every collector should possess, you should order a copy at once. The edition is limited to 1,000 copies. See advertisement elsewhere.—The design on the new 8 cent Columbian stamp is Columbus restored to favor, while the 8 cent to correspond with the 1890 issue bears the portrait of General Sherman.—Local societies are now being organized on all parts of the continent. This is a step in the right direction.—S. Allen Taylor says that Canada will never issue any more stamps. He prophesies that at the next election the Dominion will be absorbed by the glorious republic(?). We are thankful we are not of the same opinion.—It is said the *Ottawa Philatelist* is to be raised from the dead. We trust it will be an improvement over its previous numbers.—It is said that counterfeit Newfoundland 10 cent black of the 1866 issue are in circulation. They are unperforated, and evidently have been printed from a catalogue cut, and are obliterated by a piece of cork in imitation of the old post mark.—The following is the latest joke on the Columbian stamps. A few days ago a lady of our city stepped up to the stamp window at the post office and asked for stamps. The always blushing clerk threw out some of the new Columbian style, when she exclaimed, "Oh, I don't wish picture cards" The clerk exploded and the lady is now posting herself on the various styles of new stamps.— The Toronto Philatelic Club have submitted a petition to the Minister of Customs to take some action in regard to the matter of outrageous duties being charged on stamps at Toronto.—It is said that it is not hard to collect the stamps of Afghanistan and native India after you have learned the language.

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EDITORIAL.

On Specialism. A few words on specialism When starting a collection specialism is not advisable. Do not be too hasty in selecting a field for specialism. When you are below the 2,000 mark, keep to general collecting, and when you have reached that number of varieties, you will be better qualified to judge which stamps you prefer, and those most advantageous from a financial point of view, to collect. It is often preferable when a general collector becomes a specialist not to drop general collecting entirely, but to retain all of your collection, simply devoting a little more attention to one portion or district than to another. This style of specialism is preferable to that which devotes its attention to a single country. Specialists usually make a specialty of their own or neighboring countries. American collectors are partial to the stamps of the United States and British North America.

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Cuba, 1876, 50c blue	25	—
Cuba, 1875, 25c blue	10	90
Cuba, 1871, 50c green	20	—
Cuba, 1873, 25c lilac	10	—
Cuba, 1873, 50c brown	25	—
Cuba, 1878, 25c green	10	90
Cuba, 1869, 1c brown	10	90
Canada Revenues, well assorted	**7**	**50**
Canada, 1882, ½ cent, black	5	45
" register, 2 cent, orange	5	45
" " 2 cent, carmine	10	65
" " 5 cent, green	5	35
" 1859, 1 cent, pink	25	2 45
" " 5 cent, red	16	1 50
" 1853, 3d, red	1 60	15 00
Dutch Indies, assorted	5	45
Dutch Indies, 1870, 10c, brown	05	—
Dutch Indies, 1884, 2c, brown	05	—
Egypt, assorted	05	40
Finland, assorted	05	25
Foreign Revenues, very finely assorted	**10**	**75**
Gibraltar, 2 varieties, assorted	25	1 90
Grenada, 1892, 1d on 8d, bister	2 25	18 00
Grenada, 1892, 1d on 6d, violet	2 25	18 00
Grenada, 1883, ½d green	15	1 25
Grenada, 1883, 1d rose	20	1 60
Greece, finely assorted	05	30
Gibraltar, 2 varieties, well assorted	20	1 75
Funchal, assorted	25	2 25
India, On H. M. S., assorted	05	25
Ind a, well assorted	5	20
Ita'y, well assorted	—	10
Italy, unpaid, 50 and 100 lire, evenly assorted	1 40	12 25
Japan, 2 sen., red	—	10
Japan, 15 sen., violet	5	25
Jamaica, well assorted	5	40
Malta, 2½, blue	20	1 75
Mexico, official, brown	10	60
Mexican Revennes, finely assorted	**10**	**70**
" 1888, 10 cent, scarlet	4	20
" " 20 " "	20	1 50
" " 25 " "	30	2 50
" 1884, 50 cent, green	70	6 00
Mexico, fine assortment	07	50
Newfoundland, 1890, 3c slate	30	—
Natal. 1d rose	05	25
New Zealand, 1882, 4d sea green	14	1 25
New Zealand, 1882, 6d brown	20	1 75
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, ½d violet	25	2 25
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, 1d blue	15	1 40
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, 2d red brown	25	2 25
New South Wales, 1889, official, 1d violet	05	50
New South Wales, 1889, official, 2d blue	05	50
Newfoundland, 3 cent, brown	15	1 25
New Zealand, ½, 1, 2d, assorted	—	15
New Zealand Revenues, assorted	07	50
Norway, well assorted	—	15
New South Wales, assorted	5	20
Nova Scotia, 3d, blue	8 25	—
" 5 cent, blue	1 20	11 00
Portuguese Indies, 1886, 6r, green	20	—
Puttialla State Service, ½a, green	15	1 25
" " " 1a, brown	25	2 00
" " " 3 var., assorted	20	1 75
Portugal, 1879, 150 ries, yellow	40	3 75
Portuguese Indies, 3 varieties, assorted	20	1 50
Potrugal, finely assorted	—	15
Queensland, assorted	05	20
St. Vincent, 1889, 2½d on 1d	1 00	9 50
Spain, 1872, 12 de p. mauve	15	1 25
South Australia, 1887, 6d, blue	15	1 20
Switzerland, finely assorted	—	10
South America, finely assorted	—	50
Sweden, finely assorted	—	15
Spain, well assorted	—	15
Transval, assorted	10	75
Trinidad, 1883, 2½d blue	20	1 50
United States Revenue, 2c orange, U. S. I. R.	—	10

United States Revenue, 2c. orange, Bank check	—	10
" " " 2c blue, "	—	10
" " 1872, 1c blue	—	10
" " 1872, 3c green	—	10
" " 1882, 2c claret	—	8
" " 1884, 4c carmine	15	1 40
" " 1890, 4, 5 and 10 assorted	5	25
U. S., 1869, 6 cent, blue	3 00	—
U. S., 1861, 1 cent, blue	20	1 75
U. S., 1863, 2 cent, black	20	1 75
U. S., 1857, 1 cent, blue	80	7 50
U. S., 1869, 3 cent, blue	13	1 10
U. S., 1883, 4 cent green	10	75
U. S., 1885, 5 cent blue	08	45
U. S., 1882, 5 cent brown	06	45
U. S., 1872, 10 cent brown	06	40
U. S., 1890, 3 cent, violet	10	—
U. S., 1890, 6 cent, brown-red	25	—
U. S. Columbians, assorted	—	15
U. S. Postage Due, 2 cent, claret	05	20
U. S. Postage Due, assorted	05	30
U. S. Envelopes, finely assorted	05	20
U. S. of Columbia, assorted	05	45
U. S., 1890, 10 cent green	5	20
" 1851, "	3 75	—
U. S. Postage Due, 1 cent, claret	5	30
" " 3 cent, brown	10	90
" " 10 cent, brown	15	1 40
" " 3 cent	10	90
" " 6 cent	30	2 75
Western Australia, 1889, 1d rose	40	3 25
" " " 2d slate	55	5 00
" " 1890, 1d rose	10	90
Wurtemberg, well assorted	05	25
Wurtemberg Official, 1875, 5pf	15	—
Wurtemberg Official Envelope, sq. cut, '75, 5pf	60	5 00

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Argentine, finely assorted	3 75	17 50
British Guiana, well assorted	3 80	18 00
Canada, 1859, 5c red	16 00	75 00
" " 1c pink	25 00	—
" Register, 5c green	3 50	15 00
per 100,000, $275		
" common, well assorted	35	1 50
per 100,000, $25		
Mexico, '88, 10c scarlet	1 50	7 00
" " 20c "	13 00	55 00
" finely assorted	3 50	15 00
Mexico, official brown	5 00	20 00
*Mexico, 1864, 1 real, red	4 00	19 00
*New Brunswick, 5c green	20 00	98 00
* " " 2c orange	40 00	190 00
New Zealand, well assorted	1 40	6 00
Portugal, "	1 20	6 00
*Sardinia, 1 and 15c, assorted	2 25	—
U. S., 1890, 10c	1 65	7 50
United States Postage Due, 2c	1 50	—
" " Revenues, 3 var., finely ass	1 50	6 00
United States, 1872, 1c blue	90	4 00
" " " 3c green	80	3 50
" " 1882, 2c claret	65	3 00

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" " 1c to 1 peso, 10 var	75	2 00
Italy, Segnatasse, 50 to 100 lire	90	2 50
Mexico, current, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c	35	3 00
†New Brunswick, 1, 2, 5, 17c	1 10	3 25
Puttialla Service, 3 var	20	55
Portugal, 2½ to 100 reis, 12 var		65
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PROCRASTINATION IS THE THIEF OF TIME.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

PERHAPS I owe an apology to the readers of this magazine for penning a supposedly philatelic article whose subject and treatment smack more of a moral treatise or a sermon than of a strictly philatelic essay. But in these days of stamp journals in which postage stamps are seldom or never the subject on which the space writer employs his brilliant pen, I may perhaps be excused by the lenient public, who ought by this time to know that the wretched journalist called upon to compose a new and original article on some phase of Philately every week, a new subject for thought is as difficult to find as the proverbial needle in the haymow.

Procrastination, an unwieldy word and a jawbreaker, which nevertheless describes tedious and unnecessary delay better than any word in the English language, is common enough among all classes and ranks of men, but it has reached its highest development in the hands of certain American philatelists, including the three great classes: collectors, dealers and publishers. Speaking from personal experience, I have learned my greatest lessons in procrastination from the philatelic publishers; but the publishers inform me that most of the dealers, from whom they derive the largest share of their receipts, seem to require anywhere from 30 to 365 "days of grace" before remitting payment for a 50c. ad., and the dealers, in their turn, wail in accents loud and mournful that they do not expect the returns from the last lot of approval sheeets sent out to begin to come in much before the beginning of the next century, if at all.

Promptness is a word whose value has yet to be appreciated by many business houses in larger spheres than that of philately, but it seems to me that in sales involving so comparatively small amounts of money as most philatelic transactions, there is no reason why prompt payment of all debts should be not only expected but exacted. Hardly a month passes that we do not notice some stamp paper jogging up its recreant advertisers. One editor of national reputation, whose word can be relied upon, recently stated in his journal that out of $100 worth of advertising bills sent out a month before to supposedly reliable dealers, only about $5 worth had been paid up to date. Such slack business methods are a disgrace to the stamp dealers of America. We do not hear so much as to the trouble dealers have in securing payment for stamps sent out on approval, but doubtless collectors are not as prompt as they should be in making returns on approval selections.

Those of us who contribute to the philatelic press can testify to the ease with which the overburdened editorial mind forgets all about the promise to "remit immediately upon publication," and only sends the much needed cash after a half dozen mild reminders from the author. All writers, also, are familiar with that aged chestnut much used by editors ever since Noah's time:—"Please pardon delay, as I have been very busy." In justice to our philatelic editors, toward whom my feelings are friendly, (for have I not still many bales of MS. which must be sold) it is as well to state that the disease of procrastination attacks almost all editors, both great and small, whether they are presiding over the destinies of a great daily, or losing ten dollars per month by the publication of a mediocre stamp journal. It is, in fact, an editorial prerogative, and I congratulate myself that the editors with whom my lot is cast are not so experienced and cold-blooded "procrastinators" as their brethren of the newspaper and periodical press.

At one time in my career I held a position as collector for a gas company, and at that time I would have sworn that several gentlemen who had shown great talent and ingenuity in evading the payment of their gas bills, could not be excelled as successful "procrastinators" by any two-legged thing on the face of the earth. But since I have forsaken gas-bill collecting and taken up stamp collecting, I find that these versatile dead beats cannot hold a candle to some of my correspondents. The business world does not tolerate delay in answering letters, and it seems to me that philatelists ought to appreciate what an annoyance a delay often causes to a correspondent.

There are few better advertisements for the stamp dealer than a reputation for promptness—promptness not only in filling orders, but also in paying bills. It is not always the small dealers, either, who are slow in paying up. Large firms, who it would be supposed might gladden the heart of the editor by paying in advance or at least by remitting promptly on receiving an advertising bill, are about as slow pay as the $25 school boy dealer. It seems to be one of the gravest weaknesses of human nature to put off till to-morrow what should be done to-day. It is, of course, natural that philatelists should share this failing in common with all mankind, but it does seem as though some of our brethren are doing rather more than their share of the general procrastination.

I can hardly hope tnat this brief sketch will move every reader who is in arrears with his milkman, his grocer, his stamp dealer, or his philatelic society, to pay up without further delay, but I do hope that it will cause some delinquents to realize the injustice of their conduct, since they are both unjust to their own manhood and unjust to the one who has accommodated them with credit. The golden age has not yet arrived, nor is it even on the way as far as can be ascertained, but all can do a great deal to help it along, and as it is to philatelists that I am speaking, I would exhort them to be considerate of their brother philatelists. Cynics may tell us that the golden rule, "To do unto others as ye would that they would do unto

you," is a dead letter in these *fin de siecle* days, but I am not afraid to assert that if in our dealings, philatelic or any other, we were always to heed that grand old rule, this world would be a better place to live in, and I sincerely trust that this brief essay may open the eyes of many of the great philatelic fraternity to the value of promptness in all dealings, however small.

A REVERIE.

CAPTAIN MILDMAY.

As I sit beside the fire, here, idle hand and idle brain,
Memories of the past are crowding through my dreaming heart again;
While I watch the embers flickering in a feeble, dying blaze,
Fondly I recall the glories of my stamp collecting days.

Again I see my little album with its covers cloth and gold,
As I think of treasures many that its pages used to hold.
Many years have come and vanished since that eventful day,
When my little album came in ever bright array.

How well I can remember those happy days of yore,
Made bright by Philately, but they, alas, too soon were o'er;
Through after days of darknoss, and whate're ill betide,
My album's been my helper, a friend both true and tried.

I lift it from the mantel, its wonted place of rest,
Where it lies in peace unblembished like a birdling in its nest.
I view my fair colonials as I turn its pages o'er,
Such a bright array of treasures has ne'er been seen before.

Here rest the stamps of merry England, the mistress of the sea,
Others may be rare and costly, but they have no charm for me.
Their colors are the brightest, the prettiest ever seen,
And surrounded by a circle is a photo of the Queen.

Here the beaver clad in brightest red of this fair Canada of ours,
An emblem of its vastness, an emblem of its powers,
It tells of far off-times, way back unto our birth,
Through after years of trouble, till now, a nation of the earth.

As I gaze upon my treasures, some dimmed, some worn, some old,
And think of stories they could tell but which must be untold,
A gentle stream of singing comes floating softly by,
Like Zephyr's breezes bringing a seraph melody.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's price list. consisting of 64 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35 000 copies have been printed, and together with postage, the total cost will be $1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

"A PHIILATELIST'S MUSINGS."

BY W. CULLEN BROWN.

THE fire in the grate burns brightly; the flames leaping up seem to weave themselves into divers—stamps; those long wished for—never secured. I sit gazing dreamingly, or perhaps moodily, at the smoke as it curls in wreaths of Canadian twelve pence and New Brunswick shillings—but smoke they are and in smoke they disappear.

As I sit, a scene almost as vivid as life rises before my slumbering mind. I see before me a philatelic publisher in of an eight page sheet, poor little publisher, editor, and mailing clerk. It is one act with many scenes. In scene the first he sits in his counting house counting up his wealth. Methinks I see him moodily racking his brain to find a method to sink this limited wealth of his, but do not for a moment think he wishes to lose it, he merely desires to plant it in good ground where it will bring forth fruit—thirty, sixty or an hundred fold. Suddenly a happy thought seems to enter the mind of this young collector or dealer, as the case may be. He springs to his feet with an animated exclamation, "I will become a philatelic publisher, I will publish a paper that shall never die, one by which I shall rise to the eminence of fame, tread in the path of wealth, walk hand in hand with joy, and banish care, as a representative editor of a representative paper I will ——" Here a gust of wind descends the chimney and causes the curtain of smoke to hide the scene from my view. For a moment only is it so.

Again the smoky curtain fades and before me scene the second appears. The scene has changed, the bright happy face which was before me as the curtain fell or the last scene has changed. The young editor's face has a careworn look, his brow has a deep furrow between his eyes; his hair shuffled and disordered shows that he has been running his fingers through it—for what purpose I know not, but probably to make the thoughts come. He is walking up and down the full length of the room in sore distress; he holds his head, still never a thought can he think of; he stops for a moment before his desk to write a few words; I bend to see what they are; short but sweet is the young editor's thought: "Now is the time to subscribe; twelve numbers guaranteed." He resumes his monotonous pacing, glancing absently toward the clock as it strikes the midnight hour. At last a smile illuminates his countenance, he resumes his seat, and this is the thought that flowed from his pen: "We herewith present the first issue of our journal to our many readers; it is small in size but we hope to enlarge soon; we will raise our subscription price with number two. Advertise! Subscribe!!!!!" Finding himself unequal to further mental energies, he picks up a dealers' address book and proceeds to forward circulars to the leading dealers, showing them the beneficial results of an adv. in the first issue, which will have an extensive circulation of——thousand copies. At last, exhausted with his labor, he throws himself on the lounge and is soon in the land of dreams. The scene fades in air.

Scene the third—I see before me the composition department of a large printing office. The young publisher is in his glory, proof reading and filling up a line here and there with the familiar admonition "please subscribe." At last the form is completed and goes to press, and as

the great press begins to work, and as the paper fed in appears at the other side in printed sheets, a satisfied and peaceful look comes over the young man's face, and he slowly wends his way homeward.

The scene has changed. Two days have elapsed since the previous scene; again I see the young editor and publisher, but he has descended from his editorial chair, and is now but a mailing clerk, and by no means an adept one. He tries plan after plan; first he wraps a few papers and then addresses them, then a few *vice versa*. For many weary days and nights all his spare moments are occupied by mailing and addressing the papers. At last his life work is completed; the papers are mailed. That night I see him retire to enjoy the first peaceful sleep for months, and he dreams of a dray stopping at his door to deliver a load of subscriptions and advertisements. Alas, poor young man, it is but a dream which remaineth for a little time and then vanisheth away.

Scene the last—As the curtains ascend for the last time I see before me an empty room—that of the young publisher. Two weeks have elapsed since the paper was mailed. My young friend has been away for a holiday trip, and has not yet returned; on the table lie an odd dozen of letters unopened. The door opens with a creaking sound and I glance over toward it as the editor enters with an expectant look on his face. His spirit of expectation takes a tumble. Where is that dray load of subscriptions? He hurriedly sets down his valise, throws his coat and hat upon the bed, and proceeds to open his mail. The first two or three letters he opens are from collectors to whom he sent the first issue. They state they would be pleased to receive a sample copy! Encouragement! A couple of odd letters from advertisers to the effect that they "would remit in a few days." Encouragement! At last but three letters remain. He opens one, feeling that his fate rests on it. It is a letter from the Post Office Department refusing him second-class rates. A heavy blow! The next letter is a subscription. His face turns deadly pale. His strength is fast declining. He calmly places the subscription in an envelope and returns it to the generous donor with thanks, and that as he intends to discontinue publication he is compelled to return it. The last letter he opens contains a printer's bill. He searches through his pockets, and at last having found the requisite amount encloses it in an envelope and forwards it. Remorse fills his soul; he staggers and falls; the excitement and disappointment of the past hour have been too much for him. He has passed "to that land from which no traveller returns."

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I awake with a start, my dream leaving but one impression on my mind which I must breathe into the ears of my young brethren.

"Never aspire to become a Philatelic Publisher, for he that does so travels on the road which leads to destruction. "Look before you leap."

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THE REVENUE STAMPS OF CANADA.

BY CAPTAIN MILDMAY.

CANADIAN collectors who include the Revenue Stamps of Canada in their collection are, comparatively speaking, small in number to what they should be. In their wild rush after Mexican, and in some cases United States Revenues, they entirely forget that the revenue stamps of their own country have a far greater claim and are of much more interest to them than those of any other. Certainly no excuse can be offered for collecting the revenues of other countries and excluding those of their own. In my opinion any revenue stamp has a very shy look when placed side by side the beautiful one of Canada. If you do not include Canadian Revenues in your collection, I would strongly advise you to do so; they have a strong claim on you, and you will never regret having taken up this very interesting branch of "Canadian Philatelics," as some day they will amply repay you for your trouble.

There is no use wondering why your grandfather did not buy up all the Nova Scotia shillings or Canada 6ds. issued. Doubtless he would have secured a good many if his foresight had been equal to his hindsight, but it was not. Let your foresight be equal to your hindsight by starting a collection of Canadian Revenues, for the prices are continually advancing and many varieties will soon be unobtainable. The demand for them to-day is very small to what it will be. When the stamp collectors of Canada learn that the Canadian Revenues not only add beauty and attractiveness to their collections, but are as well a good financial investment, then there will be a rush after them, prices will rise again and again and many will be disappointed in getting a complete collection. Be on the safe side. Revenue stamps are becoming scarce, not from being bought up by collectors, but from the numbers that are annually destroyed or consigned to the flames by persons who do not know their value.

The size of the Canadian Revenue stamp is in all cases larger than that of the postage. Those of the Supreme Court measure three by one and one-quarter inches and are very finely engraved; they are printed and beautifully shaded in blue The Gas and Weights and Measures stamps are smaller, each being two by three-quarter inches; the former are bright blue and the latter black. The rarest Canadian Revenue exists in the Weights and Measures set. However, it is impossible to go into any detail in an article of this length. You will find a full description of the Revenue Stamps of Canada in Mr. Stæbler's excellent work The Stamps of British North America.

The increased size gives much more room for artistic design than is allowable in the postage stamp. The engraving is of the class generally put upon bank notes, and is done by the British American Bank Note Co. at Montreal, which is a warranty of their beauty.

A few object to the Revenue as being mutilated by a punch in cancellation. True, some of them are, but not all, and right in your collection of Spain are stamps punched almost beyond recognition, so do not let that be a detriment to your collecting them, for surely the stamps possess unequalled artistic beauty, and nearly all of them can be obtained, and that at no great expense, for all the prominent dealers in Canada keep a very complete stock of them.

Reader, think this over and let your decision be that you will collect the Revenue Stamps of Canada; if not, well, perhaps years from now you will wish you had thought twice.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

SUGGESTIONS, ETC.

In many cases it is very difficult to distinguish the watermark of a stamp. In some cases it cannot be done. The best method to bring out the watermark, if one exists, is as follows: Firstly, see that every particle of paper, gum and dirt is removed from the stamp by means of soaking, then lay the stamp between the blotters to dry. This generally shows up the watermark sufficiently plain, but in case this does not suffice, the watermark can be made to show more plainly by laying the stamp, face down, on a piece of black paper.

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A suggestion which is probably wasted on the greater number of the readers of this paper, will, however, not be out of place, for it is not by any means, improbable that this paper will be read by many beginners and young collectors. Never paste or glue stamps into your album. Always use hinges, which can be obtained of nearly any large dealer, for 10c. per 1,000, or thereabouts. By using hinges you avoid discoloring the stamp and make it a simple matter to substitute a better specimen or shift the position of the stamp

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Another warning especially for the use of our younger readers, that is: Never cut stamped envelopes to *shape*. This is a mistake made by hundreds of beginners. The best way to keep your stamped envelopes is to preserve them entire, but in cases where it is inconvenient to keep in this state, they should be cut square, leaving wide margins on all sides of the stamp. An envelope cut to *shape* has but little value. Even the rare kinds are worth but a small per cent. of their value as square cut envelopes.

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Even though you are not an advanced collector, it is advisable that you collect any distinct or marked shades of a stamp. Many rare stamps are nothing more than shades of an issue, caused by the ink not being properly mixed.

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In bidding by mail at auction sales, we append a few hints, as follows these were copied verbatim from a contemporary journal, on account of their excellence, but more especially for their brevity: "Send in your bids early; not only to avoid the rush, but because they are given the preference in the order of receipt, other things being equal. Be prompt also in paying for your purchases. Never fix your limits carelessly, or higher than you believe to be the actual value of the stamp. If there are only two such bids among the many received, the stamps will sell high and somebody get stuck. The actual value may be more or less than catalogue price according to quality, condition and popularity of the stamps. It might pay to buy a few priced auction catalogues and carefully study them. In the bright vocabulary of the catalogues, there are no such words as poor, miserable, undesirable, etc. Specimens of this class are usually described as 'fair.' Bear this in mind when bidding on such lots. If you are like everybody else and want the choicest specimens offered, of rare and desirable stamps, you will have to go everyone else one better, or you won't get them. It is useless to make other than liberal bids on such goods, but should you ever wish to sell you may expect good prices in turn. In the case of a series of lots of the same kind, place a reasonable limit on all of them with instructions to buy but one. Prices realized for such lots often vary from low to high. It sometimes pays to employ a professional to examine the stamps and execute your bids, especially when buying mixed lots. Catalogues cannot minutely specify the condition of such, and the value may vary widely from this cause." The above rules are especially useful to those purchasing at auction. In addition to the above, we would say that buying at auction is on the whole a very satisfactory method, as you have a chance to secure the goods you desire at your own price. In regard to priced auction catalogues, we would say that as an epitome for determining the real value of a stamp, auction catalogues are unequalled, for the average price realized by the said stamp at various sales will be very close to its real value; therefore to a person who handles or purchases any quantity of rare stamps, a few priced auction catalogues of the leading sales will prove useful. These catalogues can be procured at close of sales, neatly priced, for 25c. to $1 each. Prior to the sales, catalogues may be had of the cataloguers or auctioneers on application. We do not know of any firm that charges for them.

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When purchasing stamped envelopes for use in your correspondence, it is wise (that is if you desire to please your correspondents) to avoid the common papers, and get the blue, buff and manilla amber when the same can be obtained. Owing to the few colors of paper used they prove very acceptable to your correspondents.

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When sending parcels or letters which require a large amount of postage, do not use the stamps of the ordinary values more commonly used. Canadian collectors should, if possible, in such cases avoid using the common one, two and three cent values, and use in preference the half cent, five and six cent and higher denominations. These are less used and consequently the more welcome to the recipient of the letter or parcel, as the case may be. United States collectors we might advise to use stamps of the three, six, fifteen cent and higher denominations, in preference to the one, two, four, five and ten cent denominations, which are common. For a registered letter a combination of the three and six cent values is acceptable.

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Never soak the stamps Native India, early Russian or Russian Levant, but lay the reverse side on a wet cloth and the paper will easily peel off. Be very careful not to handle the face except on the edge, as damp fingers will remove the water colors, which are used in the printing of these stamps.

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Never soak the stamps of Japan or Austria, as owing to the thick and greasy quality of the gum, the stamps are usually in worse condition after soaking than before. We state this for the benefit of those soaking large quantities, who might thoughtlessly throw some thousands into a basin of water to soak, and as a result have a rather difficult task on their hands. A single specimen can be soaked with considerable attention; after the paper has been detached from the back, carefully wash all the gum from the back, this will prevent the stamp from curling up and becoming as good as useless.

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Soak your stamps in warm water in preference to cold, as it detaches the paper from the stamp more rapidly.

After soaking stamps, always dry them by laying between blotting papers, which can be obtained at any book-store. Never lay the stamp on a table or any similar surface to dry, as they generally curl and crumple up, while when dried between blotters they come out dry, crisp and flat.

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Always be prompt in your dealings. Want of promptness causes a good deal of dissatisfaction and sometimes serious misunderstandings in the stamp business. The dealer who does not fill his customers' orders promptly seldom retains his trade, and as a collector you should also be prompt, else your brother collectors with whom you have cordial relations of exchange will soon seek others who will answer with some degree of promptness. It is especially important to examine and return approval sheets promptly. Do not lay it aside to return in a few days for in all probability you will overlook it. If it is a valuable lot relieve the mind of the sender by acknowledging its receipt by dropping him a postal.

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Exercise care and order in keeping of your duplicates. Do not have them all mixed up in a box so that when you desire to find a certain stamp you will have to look all through the box for it. Keep each country in a separate envelope, and as a result you can readily lay your hand on any duplicate you may desire.

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It is best not to leave rare stamps lying around loose or in envelopes. The best and handsomest method, one used by hundreds, is to get a *small* note book, such as will go in the vest pocket, and place said duplicates between the leaves. This keeps them in A1 condition. Try it.

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Do not be too anxious to obtain complete sets of the current issues, rather endeavor to complete your sets of the old issues which are rapidly increasing in value.

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Subscribe to a few of the best Philatelic papers; the knowledge gained will many times repay you for the small outlay.

CHICAGO NOTES.

BY THE EDITOR.

In the Spring ye editor felt that load in the pocket which all philatelic publishers are loth to feel; the golden sheckles which result from the publishing of a magazine, created a restless spirit in ye editor's mind, so that he must needs seek a change of air. Accordingly he went to Chicago, where he found little difficulty in spending his hard earned pennies.

It was not for Philately's benefit that he went, yet he must needs call in upon one or two of Chicago's leading dealers, otherwise they might feel slighted at being overlooked.

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I dropped in on Mr. R. M. Wolsieffer at 75 State St., and found him busy, yet not too busy to talk. Mr. Wolsieffer handles both music and stamps. He did not remark which paid the best profit. Music of course! The above gentleman does a large local trade and carries a first-class stock of albums and the cheaper grades of stamps. He informed me that he had disposed of over two hundred of Meekel's "World Albums" already. He finds it a favorite. Mr. Wolsieffer does not care about Canadian trade, owing to custom duties, so be sure not to write him. He will not notice you! I received a cordial invitation to attend a meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society on that evening, but as I had come to Chicago to escape stamps and things stampy, I did not attend. How bad the members must have felt!

In Mr. Wolsieffer's store I met Mr. Carrol White, a Buffalo correspondent of our firm.

The A. P. A. stamp exhibit is not yet in place. President Tiffany left town the night before I arrived and fortunately for himself, escaped an interview.

The stamp exhibits of the Postal Departments of Foreign Governments in the U. S. Government Building at the Fair is exceptionally fine. Austria and kindred European countries exhibit almost complete sets of their respective countries. The Mexican exhibit is one of the best. In one frame are a large number of the rare local issues Whether these are genuine originals or not I am unable to say. The general issues, Port de Mar stamps, etc., are complete and very tastefully arranged. Tasmania has the largest exhibit of the British colonies. Entire sheets of nearly all varieties from the first issue to date are shown, including 4d. and other rarities of the first issue. Trinidad also has a large exhibit, including a large number of cut provisionals. I suspect a collector has had something to do with this exhibit, as all the stamps are classified in a philatelic manner. Stamps perf. 14 and perf. 13, etc. are all arranged in their respective issues. A large upright case contains the adhesive exhibit of the U. S. Post Office Dept. Therein are arranged complete sets of proofs of all U. S. postage, carrier, department, newspaper, etc. These are all very artistically arranged. Dozens of a single variety are employed to fill up the case. In another case near at hand is the first sheet of 2c. Columbians printed, in unperforated condition In another case is the remainder of the U. S. exhibit, in which are all varieties of entire envelopes on different varieties of paper, among which I noticed a number of rarities. The other exhibits I did not inspect, as I will be in Chicago a little later, when all the exhibits are arranged, and will then furnish the readers of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST with a full account of the stamp exhibits at the Fair. These will not be all arranged for some time yet.

While viewing the stamp exhibit at the Fair, I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. F. N. Massoth, who is well known through his *Stamp Collector's Figaro*, which he at one time published from Hanover Centre, Ind. Mr. Massoth has gone out of the stamp business, but still maintains a brisk interest in things philatelic. He extended me an invitation to the meeting of the Chicago Branch of the Western Philatelic Union, but as it would be out of place to show partiality between this Society and the Chicago Philatelic Society, I did not go!

I dropped into an elevator and was conveyed into the spacious offices of the Western Stamp & Coin Co. This firm recently succeeded the S. B. Bradt Co., and is the largest in Chicago. They also control Cobbs' Circulating Library. The trade carried on is principally local. The manager informed me that the Auction Sales which proved so successful under the sway of the S. B. Bradt Co. were shortly to be

continued. They do considerable foreign trade, and will shortly add a wholesale department to their business.

I would have been pleased to call on Bradt, Reimers, Pierce, Ross, and some of the other prominent Chicago Philatelists, but as it was my desire to escape interviewing, I deferred my calls till later in the season.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

S K.L., Ottawa.—Clippings are always acceptable. Thanks.

L. W., Vancouver, B. C.—Have mailed you P. S. of C. application blanks as requested. The *Stamp Collector's Companion* will furnish the information you desire.

E. VAN S.—No discount whatever made from our schedule of regular advertising rates, which are unusually low for a magazine which has a circulation like that of this paper.

WM. HYSLOP, Chicago.—The following English magazines are probably the ones that would suit you: *The Stamp News*, 11 Queen Victoria St., London, England; *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, Salisbury, England.

Editor Canadian Philatelist:

DEAR SIR,—Can any of the readers of this paper please inform me if there is such a firm in existence as Messrs. H. McGuire & Co., Stamp Dealers, St. John, N. B.

A. H. DAVIS & Co.,
30 Lucknow Terrace,
Halifax, N. S.

St. John, N. B., May 8th, 1893.

Editor Canadian Philatelist:

DEAR SIR,—The warning notice published by me a short time since, relating to the manufacture, in this city, of bogus "split" provisionals of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, need only now be supplemented by giving the names of the persons referred to. These are two brothers, B. F. and H. L. Coombs, both minors, but both old enough to know better. The chain of circumstances which led me to feel convinced that these fellows were making bogus splits, and so to the publication of my former notice, has now been fortified by the most positive proof, incapable of contradiction, and I therefore give the names of these youths to the philatelic fraternity, as dangerous frauds and impositors whom all persons will do well to avoid. Beside the New Brunswick 5c provisionals, these fellows have been manufacturing similar split stamps of Nova Scotia, and, worst of all, Prince Edward Island, besides cancelling New Brunswick remainders to order, by the sheet, and so doubling their value. I propose to force them out of the stamp business once and for all.

R. W. HANNINGTON,
Barrister-at-law, &c.

WORLD'S FAIR PHILATELIC EXHIBIT.

The Executive Committee of the World's Fair Philatelic Exhibit held a meeting on April 25th. The Treasurer reported that over $1,000 had been subsceibed, of which $600 had been paid in. He has paid out for various $160 99.

Mr. Calman and Mr. Rogers went to Stamford, Conn., on the 18th and inspected the cases, which were about finished, and which will be placed in position in the Fair Grounds before May 1st.

Mr. Deats and Mr. Rogers visited Boston and Providence on the 12th At Boston the members of the Philatelic Society attended largely, and much interest was taken in the work of the Committee. Several members offered to exhibit whatever they might be called upon to, and a number of subscriptions were promised.

The sheets for stamps have been designed and contributed by Mr. Robert Snider, of New York City, who is a manufacturer of albums and other blank books.

D. H. Bacon & Co., of Birmingham, Conn., have printed 2,000 circulars and sent them to the Committee with their compliments.

The August Gast Bank Note and Lithographing Co., of St. Louis, have designed and furnished lithographed receipts for the use of the Treasurer, free of charge.

H E. DEATS,
Secretary.

Flemington, N. J., April 26, '93.

The Stamp Collector's Companion.

This recently published book has met with a pleasing reception among our patrons, and we anticipate an extensive sale. The following is one of the many testimonials we have received:—

Des Moines, Iowa, May 19, 1893.

MR. L. M. STAEBLER, London, Canada.

DEAR SIR,—Your PHILATELIC HANDBOOK No. 3 was duly received, and is a handy compendium of useful information. It is well worth the price, and should be the "Companion" of every collector.

Yours truly,
E. S. STILSON.

"IT PAYS"

To advertise in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST. The following firm had a 2-inch ad. in our December issue. Read what they say:—

Harriston, Ont., Feb. 3, 1892.

Mr. L. M. Stæbler:

Dear Sir,—Enclosed find advertisement for Exchange Department and payment for the same. * * We are more than pleased with the results of our advt. in your December issue. We have **already received 83 replies** from the same. Yours truly,
CANADIAN STAMP Co.

The Stamps of British North America.

Every collector should possess a copy of the above book. This is a sample of the many testimonials we receive:—

Bishop Ridley College, St. Catherines, March 16.

MR. L. M. STÆBLER:

Dear Sir,—Your book, *The Stamps of British North America*, to hand, and I am very much pleased with it. I think you have put more solid information into it than is in any other catalogue, and I am not a Canadian Specialist either. I am, yours truly, N. B. WILKES

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EDITORIAL.

Special to Y.M.C.A. Secretary's A copy of this issue is forwarded to about 1,000 of the Y. M. C. A.'s of this continent. Now we do not desire your subscription as may be supposed, but if you will place this magazine *on file* regularly in your parlors we shall be pleased to send it to you each month entirely free of charge. If you are willing to comply, a word to that effect to our address will secure the regular delivery of the paper. It is not improbable that you have some stamp collectors among your members, and it is on their behalf you should have this paper filed in your rooms. This editorial is for such associations as do not already receive this paper.

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Special Notice. Our local customers will please observe that our office will close every Thursday during the months of June, July and August at 1 o'clock. Kindly note.

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Sample Copies. A large number of sample copies of this issue are sent out to collectors who are not on our subscription books. We trust you will examine this number, and should you desire to see us regularly, forward your subscription, for we send but one sample to one person. We guarantee 12 numbers, or refund subscription. You should subscribe.

Corners in Columbians. Mr. Henry W. Hall, of Croydon, England, kindly sent us the following clipping, which shows how English collectors regard the scarcity of Columbians there:— Philatelists, at the present moment, must be somewhat undecided as to whether they should be filled with joy or gloom. The Duke of York is to preside at their annual dinner, and that is a reason for rejoicing. But the outlook of Philatelism is otherwise gloomy. American speculators have been hoarding with a view to creating "a corner" in postage stamps. Now postage stamps are properly placed in a corner, but the reversal of the process, a corner in postage stamps, is altogether unnatural and likely to entirely revolutionize the present state of the collecting market.

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Regarding Exchange, Both the collector and the dealer who has an interest in his collection or stock as the case may be, cultivates exchange relations with his collecting friend, both at home and abroad. The dealer or collector who neglects this portion of philately, neglects an interesting, instructive and profitable part of our science; interesting, because of the friendships formed in this way; instructive, because of the knowledge of language a collector will obtain by corresponding with collectors in foreign countries. The knowledge of a language gained in this way is surprising. Profitable and mutual, advantageous to both participants. How to go about it. Domestic and foreign exchanges are usually run on different principles. Domestic exchange. The collector usually places his duplicates on a sheet and marks them by a standard catalogue, and sends them to a party who desires to exchange with him, who selects from these sheets those he needs for his collection, and returns same with sheets of his own marked by the same catalogue, and the first named collector selects in turn from sheets of the second. Regarding the task of securing correspondents of the above class: turn up almost any current philatelic paper that has an exchange department and you will see advertisements of plenty who desire correspondents for that purpose. Foreign exchange. Secure a copy of some foreign philatelic journal and you will usually find therein the advertisements of dozens of foreign collectors who desire correspondents. The manner of exchange generally adopted is for you to forward a collector a certain number of domestic and receive an equal number from your correspondent, according to the arrangement arrived at. So much for exchange.

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Our Retail List. We would call the attention of our customers to the fact that our Third Annual Retail List has just been issued, and it is larger, cheaper and better than ever before. Every collector and dealer should possess a copy. To those who have not yet received it, we shall be pleased to forward it, *post free* on application.

The Stamp Collector's Companion. This valuable little book is now ready for delivery. It will no doubt have a large sale. To the collector who has not already ordered a copy we would refer them to the advertisement. A feature of the book which will be especially useful to those collectors who have foreign correspondents is the Foreign Coinage Table, in which is given the currency of nearly all principal stamp issuing countries and its equivalent value in United States and Canadian currency. Regarding the value of the many definitions and explanations of difficult philatelic terms nothing need be said. The book also contains a large number of useful hints and suggestions and other matter of like nature. Space prevents further review. Procure a copy and read it yourself. The price is low. See advertisement.

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Are you a Subscriber? If not, we would urge upon you the advantage of at once having your name placed on our books. Every subscriber who places his subscription in our hands has the assurance of 12 numbers, or his money refunded. Gradual and steady increase in both size and quality is our aim. To make the magazine attain a high standard of excellence is our determination. We have made, and shall make every effort to secure the best and most interesting reading matter that can be procured. It will be to your interest to subscribe.

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

WASHED OLD STAMPS.

WEALTHY MR. GROSS THEN USED THEM UPON MAIL MATTER.

C. R. Gross, one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of Danville, Ky., was arrested and taken before United States Commissioner Cochrane recently for using cancelled postage stamps.

Mr. Gross, as a citizen of Danville, stands very high. He is the special agent of a building loan association, and sent out a large number of papers and circulars. As postage he used stamps which had been taken from old mail matter, the cancellation marks being nicely washed away.

Upon admitting his crime he was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of $1,000.

HE LOST IT.

"It's too bad!" wailed the struggling stamp collector. "After hours of work I succeeded in securing a lucky find, including a New Haven and a lot of Brattleboros—most brilliant find I ever struck. Would have made me rich."

"Can't you think where you put them?"

"Not a trace of them. Clean gone."

"How did you lose them?"

"Waked up."

A GLORIOUS VICTORY

WHEREAT THE LITTLE MAN WAS EXCESSIVELY PUFFED UP.

He was coming out of the post-office with quite a strut in his walk, and that sort of a triumphant air which a Roman conqueror put on when his grateful people gave him an ovation after he had thumped the enemies of Rome. He was a little man, too, and the valiance of him was the more noticeable.

"Don't hit him again," exclaimed a friend meeting him with a laugh.

"Oh—ah—excuse me," he stammered, as if caught doing something he shouldn't. "However," he went on, "I do feel like a gladiator, or a champion slugger, and I guess I show it"

"You do very plainly. What is the cause of it? Been in a fight?"

"No, not exactly."

"When is it, then?"

"You've seen those new Columbian postage stamps? You know how big they are?

The friend nodded.

"And I'm not a very big man, am I?"

The friend shook his head.

"Well, and the little man blew his chest out, "I licked four of them in there a few minutes ago and didn't get a scratch.

COLUMBUS'S RAPID WHISKERS.

The new Columbian postage stamps which have caused so much commotion in Congress have aroused the curiosity of a Chicago man, who, in a letter to the newspapers, says that while in the one cent stamp Columbus is depicted in the act of sighting land and with a clean shaven face, in the two cent stamp he is represented on shore and in the possession of a full beard. As the two events are recorded as having occurred within twelve hours of each other, the inquirer is at a loss to account for the luxuriant growth of whiskers.

Superintendent Thomas, of the mail service, has in his possession an envelope addressed thus:

> The young lady on the top floor, last house at the end of the Ally, 1st left on Pleasant st from Washington St

On the envelope there was also a map of the surroundings.

Public Opinion

Is the popular verdict of anything. Public opinion on the CANADIAN PHILATELIST gives it a favorable standing. The following is one of the many testimonials we receive daily:—

L. M. STÆBLER: Connersville, Ind., March 13.

Dear Sir,—It is in my opinion that the CANADIAN PHILATELIST is by far the best 25 cent magazine published. Your Auction Department and Sub-Studies are par-excellence. May it forever live! A. J. REYNOLDS.

The No. in the bracket on your wrapper indicates when your subscription expires.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

TERMS—One-half cent per word each insertion, payable in advance. No exchange notice will be received for less than 15 cents. No display allowed.

210 Foreign Stamps:—Liberia, Borneo, Mexico, etc., 7c. A. E. Ashfield, 846 E. 163rd St., N. Y. (24)

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NOTICE! Correspondence wanted with stamp dealers in all parts of the world to exchange stamps of their country for mixed Canadian and U. S. stamps. Old issues exchanged. All letters answered. Try me. A. F. Wicks, London, Can. (23)

STAMPS of all countries sent to collectors on approval. Low prices and liberal discount. Beginners promptly answered. H. W. Jakeway, Box 273, Stayner, Ont.

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GREECE! GREECE!! GREECE!!! 12 varieties, 13 c., post paid; 20 varieties, 28c., post paid; 25 varieties, 43c., post paid. Dealers' mixture, 30c. per 100, $2 50 per 1000, postage extra. Greek offered in exchange for used P. E. Island, used Canadian of earlier issue, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and United States Columbian issue (except 1 and 2 cent). Sheets of Greek on approval. Matthew R. Knight, Hampton, New Brunswick.

PATRONIZE THIS DEPARTMENT.

The following is a sample of the many testimonials we receive:—

L. M. Staebler, London. Midland, March 1.

DEAR SIR,—

My exchange advertisement in the February number brought me nearly 40 answers * * * I am, yours truly,

ARTHUR CORBMAN.

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U.S., 1868, 12c., finely embossed and penstroke cancellation	45
New Orleans, 5c. brown on white	2 15
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Confederate, 2c., rose, on piece original envelope	80
Confederate, 20c., green, on piece original envelope	70
Same, but of a very rare dark shade	1 00
Barbadoes, 1861, 1s., black, unsevered, unused pair, orig. gum and fine	5 00
Barbadoes, '61, ½d., green, unused	15
Queensland, '01, 1d. w'm'k. star	90
Queensland, '61, registered	1 10
New Zealand, '64, 6d., perforated	75
New Zealand, '62, 1s., green pelure p.	3 00
Tasmania, '60, 6d., 2 varieties	20
Victoria, '63, 6d., no w'm'k	85
Victoria, '73, 9d.	25
Victoria, '61, 2d., violet, error, w'm'k. "Three Pence"	1 45
Victoria, '59, 2s.	85
Victoria, '75, 9d., on rose, P	75
Victoria, '84, 1s, 6d., penstroke	30
Victoria, '84, 4 s., penstroke	35
Victoria, '84, 10s, green, penstroke	55
Victoria, '85, 2s., surcharged "Stamp Duty"	85
Victoria, '85, 4d., surcharged "Stamp Duty"	60
Victoria, '75, 1s., '77, 8d., '85, 8d., '86, 1s. and 2s., all for.	90
U.S., '64, 30 entire, uncancelled envelopes with patent lines	45
U.S., '64, without patent lines, *unused*	08
U.S., cancelled, with patent lines	40

I offer the above, the last remnants of my fine collection, at the annexed ridiculously low prices for *cash with order only. Postal Notes and Money Orders* only accepted. The stamps are all *fine*, without a single exception, and money will be immediately returned for anything unsatisfactory. Postage *extra* on all orders. Geo. M. Wabnitz, 1106, Winter Ave., Louisville, Ky., U.S.A.

U. S. OFFICIALLY Sealed (Scott's 858 d.), 12c.; pair, 25c.; block of four, 50c.; 3c. 1857 true *outer line* variety, 25c.; 30 varieties U. S. stamps, 25c. Postage extra. E. S. Stilson (A. P. A. 343), 5th and Locust Sts., Des Moines, Iowa, U. S. A.

500 GOOD U. S. Stamps for $1.50 cash, or $2.00 worth of British North American stamps catalogued at over 2c. each; set of Confederate States bills ($1 to $50), 25c., postage extra. John P. Cooper, Box 622, Red Bank, New Jersey.

I HAVE 89 different kinds of Birds' Eggs which I will exchange for stamps sent on approval. Eggs are valued at $17. List sent on application. Address Pierre B Post, Barrgall, N. Y.

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WANTED to purchase at once 100,000 5 cent Registration Stamps of Canada at $1.75 per 1,000 cash. Send what you have to L. M. Stæbler, 185½ Dundas-St., London, Ont., Can.

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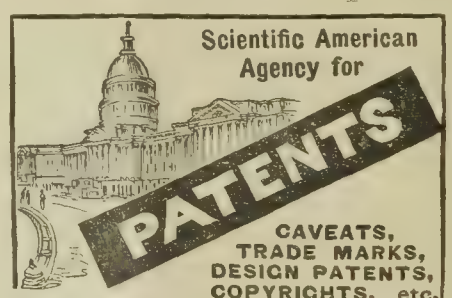

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Canada, Register, 2 cent, orange	30	—
Canada, ½ cent, black	8	60
Canada, 1868, 12½ cent, blue	2 50	22 25
Confederate States, 10c blue	20	1 50
Costa Rica, ½ cent, real blue	10	75
Ecuador, 7 var., evenly assorted	15	95
Hamburg, well assorted	10	45
Heligoland, finely assorted	15	—
Mexico, 1864, 1 real, red	10	50
New Brunswick, 1 cent, violet	75	7 00
" " 2 cent, orange	45	4 25
" " 5 cent, green	20	1 85
" " 17 cent, black	2 00	19 00
Panama, 1892, 1 cent, green	15	1 40
Puttialla State, ½a. green	20	1 75
Puttialla State, Official, ½a. green	20	1 75
Salvador, 1892, 1c. on 20c	30	2 40
Salvador, 1792, 1c. on 25c	30	2 40
Sardinia, newspaper, 1 cent, black	5	35
Sardinia, 15 cent, blue	5	20
Servia, 1869, 20p, blue	10	70
Servia, 1869, 25p, rose	20	1 40
Servia, 1869, 40p, violet	15	1 40
Servia, 1869, 2p, black	08	60
Servia, 1879, 10p, orange	12	90
Switzerland, 1874, 2 cent, bister	5	30
" 1878, 40 cent, gray	5	45
" 1882, 5 cent, brown	5	30
" 1882, 20 cent, yellow	5	35
" 1862, 10 cent, rose	5	30
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" " 1 cent	25	—
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" " " 2 " "	50	4 25
" officially sealed	25	2 25
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" " 1890, 5 cent, red	5	40
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Argentine Wrappers, ½c, brown	10	—
Austria, 1st, 2nd and 3rd issues, well assorted	05	40
Bosnia, 10 n, blue	15	—
British Colonies, good assortment	05	35
Bavaria, 1 mark, violet	15	—
Brazil, well assorted	5	50
Belgium, assorted	—	10
Chili, finely assorted	5	40
Canada, 1859, 10c. violet, assorted shades	1 60	16 00
Canada, 1859, 12½c. green	1 60	15 00
Canada, 1868, 1c. brown red	1 15	11 00
Canada, 1868, 6c. chocolate	50	4 50
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 1 cent blue	15	1 40
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 2 cent blue	15	1 40
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 3 cent blue	10	90
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 6 cent blue	10	90
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 9 cent blue	10	90
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 10 cent blue	25	—
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 20 cent blue	50	—
Canada Bill, 1st issue, 50 cent blue	1 00	9 00
Canada Bill, 1st issue, well assorted	15	1 25
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 1 cent scarlet	15	1 10
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 2 cent scarlet	15	1 10
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 3 cent scarlet	10	50
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 6 cent scarlet	10	60
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 7 & 8 cent scarlet, assorted	2 00	18 00
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Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 10 cent blue	45	00
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 30 cent blue	70	6 50
Canada Bill, 2nd issue, 50 cent blue	95	9 00
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 1c brown	05	40
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 2c red	05	40
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 3c green	05	20
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 6c green	05	25
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 9c green	05	25
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 10c blue	05	45
Canada Bill, 3rd issue, 20c blue	10	60
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Canada Bill, 3rd issue, $1 blue and black	—	—
Canada current, 5c and 6c evenly assorted	07	50
Cuba, 1857, ½ r. p. blue	10	80
Cuba, 1866, 10c blue	20	1 75
Cuba, 1867, 10c blue	15	1 40
Cuba, 1864, ½ r. p. green	15	1 40
Cuba, 1871, 25c blue	10	90
Cuba, 1874, 25c blue	10	90
Cuba, 1879, 25c blue	10	75
Cuba, 1876, 25c lilac	10	90
Cuba, 1876, 50c blue	25	—
Cuba, 1875, 25c blue	10	90
Cuba, 1871, 50c green	20	—
Cuba, 1873, 25c lilac	10	—
Cuba, 1873, 50c brown	25	—
Cuba, 1878, 25c green	10	90
Cuba, 1869, 10c brown	10	90
Canada Revenues, well assorted	**7**	**50**
Canada, 1882, ½ cent, black	5	45
" register, 2 cent, orange	5	45
" " 2 cent, carmine	10	65
" " 5 cent, green	5	30
" 1859, 1 cent, pink	25	2 45
" " 5 cent, red	16	1 50
" 1853, 3d, red	1 60	15 00
Dutch Indies, assorted	5	45
Dutch Indies, 1870, 10c, brown	05	—
Dutch Indies, 1884, 2c, brown	05	—
Egypt, assorted	05	40
Finland, assorted	05	35
Foreign Revenues, very finely assorted	**10**	**75**
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Grenada, 1892, 1d on 8d, bister	2 25	18 00
Grenada, 1892, 1d on 6d, violet	2 25	18 00
Grenada, 1883, ½d green	15	1 25
Grenada, 1883, 1d rose	20	1 60
Greece, finely assorted	05	30
Gibraltar, 2 varieties, well assorted	20	1 75
Funchal, assorted	25	—
India, On H. M. S., assorted	05	25
India, well assorted	5	20
Italy, well assorted	—	10
Italy, unpaid, 50 and 100 lire, evenly assorted	1 40	12 25
Japan, 2 sen., red	—	10
Japan, 15 sen., violet	5	25
Jamaica, well assorted	5	40
Malta, 2½, blue	20	1 75
Mexico, official, brown	10	60
Mexican Revenues, finely assorted	**10**	**70**
" 1888, 10 cent, scarlet	4	20
" " 20 " "	20	1 50
" " 25 " "	30	2 50
" 1884, 50 cent, green	70	6 00
Mexico, fine assortment	07	50
Newfoundland, 1890, 3c slate	30	—
Natal, 1d rose	05	25
New Zealand, 1882, 4d sea green	14	1 25
New Zealand, 1882, 6d brown	20	1 75
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, ½d violet	25	2 25
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, 1d blue	15	1 40
New Zealand, Insurance Dep't, 1891, 2d red-brown	25	2 25
New South Wales, 1889, official, 1d violet	05	50
New South Wales, 1889, official, 2d blue	05	50
Newfoundland, 3 cent, brown	15	1 25
New Zealand, ½, 1, 2d, assorted	—	15
New Zealand Revenues, assorted	07	50
Norway, well assorted	—	15
New South Wales, assorted	5	20
Nova Scotia, 3d, blue	10 00	—
" 5 cent, blue	1 20	11 00
Portuguese Indies, 1886, 6r, green	20	—
Puttialla State Service, ½a, green	15	1 25
" " " 1a, brown	25	2 00
" " " 3 var., assorted	20	1 75
Portugal, 1879, 150 ries, yellow	40	3 75
Portuguese Indies, 3 varieties, assorted	20	1 50
Portugal, finely assorted	—	15
Queensland, assorted	05	20
Spain, 1872, 12 de p. mauve	15	1 25
South Australia, 1887, 6d, blue	15	1 20
Switzerland, finely assorted	—	10
South America, finely assorted	—	50
Sweden, finely assorted	—	15
Spain, well assorted	—	15
Spain, 1874, 1 Peseta, green	25	1 50
Transval, assorted	10	75
Trinidad, 1883, 2½d blue	20	1 50
Uruguay, well ass	15	1 45
United States Revenue, 2c orange, U. S. I. R.	—	10

United States Revenue, 2c. orange, Bank check	—	10
" " " 2c blue, "	—	10
" " 1872, 1c blue	—	10
" " 1872, 3c green	—	10
" " 1882, 2c claret	—	8
" " 1884, 4c carmine	15	1 40
" " 1890, 4, 5 and 10 assorted	5	25
U. S., 1869, 6 cent, blue	3 00	—
U. S., 1861, 1 cent, blue	20	1 75
U. S., 1863, 2 cent, black	20	1 75
U. S., 1857, 1 cent, blue	80	7 50
U. S., 1869, 3 cent, blue	13	1 10
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U. S., 1885, 5 cent blue	08	45
U. S., 1882, 5 cent brown	06	45
U. S., 1872, 10 cent brown	06	40
U. S., 1890, 3 cent, violet	10	—
U. S., 1890, 6 cent, brown-red	25	—
U. S. Columbians, assorted	—	15
U. S. Postage Due, 2 cent, claret	05	20
U. S. Postage Due, assorted	05	30
U. S. Envelopes, finely assorted	05	20
U. S. of Columbia, assorted	05	45
U. S., 1890, 10 cent green	5	20
" 1851, "	3 75	—
U. S. Postage Due, 1 cent, claret	5	30
" " 3 cent, brown	10	90
" " 10 cent, brown	15	1 40
U. S., 1870, 4, 5, 6, 10c., ass.	1 55	7 50
Western Australia, 1889, 1d rose	40	3 25
" " " 2d slate	55	5 00
" " 1890, 1d rose	10	90
Wurtemberg, well assorted	05	25
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Canada, 1859, 5c red	16 00	75 00
" " 1c pink	25 00	—
" Register, 5c green	3 00	14 00
per 100,000, $275		
" common, well assorted	35	1 50
per 100,000, $25		
Mexico, '88, 10c scarlet	1 50	7 00
" " 20c "	13 00	55 00
" finely assorted	3 50	15 00
Mexico, official brown	5 00	20 00
*Mexico, 1864, 1 real, red	4 00	19 00
*New Brunswick, 5c green	20 00	98 00
* " " 2c orange	40 00	190 00
New Zealand, well assorted	1 40	6 00
Portugal, "	1 20	6 00
*Sardinia, 1 and 15c, assorted	2 25	—
Spain, 1874, 1 Peseta, green	12 50	47 50
U. S., 1890, 4, 5, 6, 10c., ass.	1 65	7 50
United States Postage Due, 2c	1 50	—
" " Revenues, 3 var., finely ass.	1 50	6 00
United States, 1872, 1c blue	90	4 00
" " " 3c green	80	3 50
" " 1882, 2c claret	65	3 00
100 variety packets	70 00	300 00

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Mexico, current, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c	35	3 00
†New Brunswick, 1, 2, 5, 17c	1 10	3 25
Puttialla Service, 3 var	20	55
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Russia, 12 fine var		60
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CHATS ON COUNTERFEITS.

BY THE EDITOR.

(Compiled from various sources.)

INTRODUCTION.

IN every business, profession or occupation which flourishes in the midst of civilization, each has its fakes, its swindles, its misrepresentations, its forgeries; and every straight-forward business or professional person, in his or her particular branch of their sphere, deems it their duty to warn their fellow merchants against, and to assist in doing away with fraud of all kinds. It, however, remains a fact that notwithstanding the precautions, warnings and punishments inflicted on perpetrators of frauds, still they exist, and the world is kept in a continual flutter of watchfulness and anxiety, in their endeavors to prevent themselves and their fellow-merchants from being victimized.

Philately perhaps suffers as greatly from frauds of various kinds, and even more so than is in existence in business of any other nature. Why is this, and from whence does the temptation to defraud arise? From its simplicity, or from the fabulous profits which a counterfeiter may derive from his forged stamps in case they are so successful an imitation that they will foil the efforts of the dealers or collectors who are always examining their stamps, I believe it is this last which is the principal reason. It is assuredly not from a point of simplicity, for a postage stamp is as a rule fully as difficult to execute as the finest bank note. Writers for the philatelic press speak of collectors examining and studying their stamps so as to avoid placing counterfeits in their collections, yet is it not very seldom we hear a writer get down to solid work and endeavor by comparison to enlighten his readers as to distinctive differences between the genuine stamp and the counterfeit? It may be all very well to search through your collection in search of counterfeits, but unless you have a counterfeit of each variety to compare with the corresponding variety in your collection, or on the other hand have a work which will explain the differences mentioned above, it will be found that study of the class generally urged upon collectors is as good as useless. Now, seeing that none of the contemporaries of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST have ever attempted a work of this style on a *complete* scale, I deemed that it would be space used to excellent advantage which was devoted to the foregoing purpose. The information and distinctive points of difference which are given herein are the result of personal experience, a great part of which was obtained at a high price, and other portions being compiled from reliable sources and from the writings of competent authorities. The information appended can in every sense be strictly relied upon, as nothing doubtful or not fully authenticated will be admitted into this series of papers, which are intended for a reference list that shall be retained for constant reference by the collector who reads this article. In the following it will be noticed that I give *the points wherein the genuine stamps differ from the counterfeit*. I shall also casually mention bogus stamps. Before entering upon our subject, it may not be out of place to give two or three definitions taken from the *Stamp Collector's Companion*, as they will be often referred to in the course of the next few months.

"A *Bogus Stamp* is one of which there exists no original, of which there were never like stamps in use, but which is issued for the purpose of defrauding collectors. The stamps of Sedang and many of the so-called German Locals are bogus stamps.

"A *Counterfeit* is an imitation of a genuine stamp."

"*Fac-Similes* are imitations of genuine stamps, equally as bad as counterfeits, except for the fact that they are sold as copies of the original stamp. In most instances they have the word 'fac-simile' printed in small type across the face."

"A *Government Counterfeit* is an obsolete stamp, the plates of which having been destroyed, new plates are prepared by the government and the stamps printed therefrom are sold as reprints. See U. S. 1847 issue which were re-issued in this manner, and are often erroneously called reprints."

"*Government Reprints* are stamps reprinted by the government from the original plates after the issue has become obsolete. For example, the U. S. 1851 issue reprinted for the Centennial Exhibition."

"*Reprints* are stamps printed from the original plates after the issue is obsolete."

There are other definitions which may be necessary to make our explanations clear, but these can be given as the occasion demands.

It will be noticed that I include definitions of reprints in the above; I do this simply because some stamps classed as reprints are nothing less than forgeries, and by reference to these definitions it will be readily seen what a reprint really is: It is my intention to devote considerable space to this subject in future numbers, especially in VOL. III, when our space for reading matter will be more extensive. This month, however, I am compelled to confine myself to the above introduction, and next month, and regularly thereafter, the important details of the subject will be discussed.

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PHILATELIC SUB-STUDIES.

VI.—VARIOUS MINOR DEFINITIONS.

BY THE EDITOR.

(Continued from page 100.)

COLONIAL Stamps are stamps issued by a Government for use in its colonies. The stamps of Cuba, Puerto Rico, etc., are Spanish Colonies; those of Canada, Natal, Jamacia, etc., are British Colonies.

The proper description of a stamp should be as follows, always beginning at the centre: "U. S. 1c., 1887", the centre of the stamp consisting of the bust of Benjamin Franklin (after the original by Caracci); to the left in an oval disk with shaded background, the lower portion of the oval being bordered with pearls and the upper portion with curved frame, containing in small letters the words 'United States Postage.' The whole is engraved in line upon a shield shaped tablet with a turncated pyramidal base, bearing on it the words 'one' and 'cent' on either side of the figure '1'; color, ultramarine; shape, rectangular."—*Jewett's Stamp Collector's Dictionary and Guide.*

Fac-Similes are imitations of genuine stamps, equally as bad as counterfeits, except for the fact that they are sold as copies of the original stamp. In most instances they have the words *fac-simile* printed in small type across the face.

In stamp lore the same rules as regards the form of a stamp are used as in Euclid. A stamp with four equal sides like the U. S. 1869 issue is called square. When the sides are longer than the top and base it is rectangular, as the current issue of Canada. When the top and bottom are longer than the sides it is oblong, as are the U. S. Columbian issue. Other shapes are triangular, oval, diamond, etc.

The *Gum* is the adhesive layer on the back of the stamp.

Heraldic Characters are devices such as are found on the pence issues of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland.

The term *knife* when applied to a stamped envelope has reference to its cut and shape.

A *Local Stamp* is one not issued by Government authority, and good only for use in the corporation where set is issued.

A stamp no longer in use is termed obsolete.

An oddity is a mis-print of some kind, or a mistake not found in the die of the stamp. For instance, a post card with the stamp at the wrong corner might be termed an oddity, through the sheet being cut the wrong way.

Philatelic, pertaining to philately.

Philatelical, see philatelic.

Philately, (*a*) The science of stamp collecting. (*b*) The collecting or study of stamps.

Philatelist, (*a*) Collector and student of stamps. (*b*) A journal devoted to stamps.

Provincials are stamps issued for use in the province of issue only. See stamps of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island. These are Canadian provincials.

Stamps issued in an emergency to supply a shortage of some particular denomination are called *Provisionals*. In some cases one value is surcharged over another denomination to supply the want, while in other cases revenue stamps are used for postage to supply the deficiency.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

BEHIND THE SCENES.

CAPTAIN MILDMAY.

She, with Fido is sitting,
Snugly wrapped, in a cozy chair,
A bonbon box is near her,
Her album, too, is there;
She nibbles a dainty morsel,
She thinks of an album filled,
As she sweetly pens the lines,
That her absent lover thrilled.
"Oh! that you were with me,
Without you life is drear,
Would that I was with you,
Or would that you were here."

He sits, with his feet on the mantel,
In his cozy bachelor den,
Smoking a mild Havana,
In the usual way of men;
His two hounds sleep on the floor,
His album is close by,
He looks through its full pages,
As he echoes her lonely cry.
"Oh! that you were with me,
Without you life is drear,
Would that I was with you,
Or would that you were here."

NOTES BY THE WAY.

BY CAPTAIN MILDMAY.

The Montreal agent of the C. P. R. has an envelope which made the circuit of the globe in sixty-two days. The letter was mailed in London, Eng., on April 7, and reached Hong Kong via Suez, on May 1st, and was forwarded from there through Canada by the C. P. R., arriving in London on June 8. The envelope is covered with the stamps of the various countries through which it passed, and would be a valuable addition to any collection. The C. P. R., however, won't part with it.

——:o:——

If there is anything that will make a man growl, that is, if he is a stamp collector, it is to receive a packet of unused stamps and find them stuck together as firmly as it is possible to make them stick. It doesn't tend to pleasurize the philatelic peace of mind, especially as you can't make some stamps stick to an envelope without a good deal of coaxing, in fact, it generally requires a good deal of licking; but the stamp that goes inside the stamp packet is another kind of a stamp altogether. It will stick, and stick with a vengeance. It is one of the pleasant characteristics of summer.

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A certain author defines "crank" as "a man who does not think as we do." Is a man who does not collect stamps a crank?

——:o:——

Life is real, life is earnest,
But it might be more sublime,
If a man was not kept busy,
Buying Seebeck's all the time.

——:o:——

The big Columbians, after all, may prove a blessing in disguise to the man who has a too-talkative mother-in-law. She would be quite handy for stamping his letters. "It's an ill wind that blows no man good."

THE MONTH.

This department was inadvertently omitted last month owing to the editor's absence.———During June, July and August the Toronto Philatelic Club will meet only on the first Wednesday of the month. ———The Canada 8c. stamp is expected here daily; they are now being printed, and will be a deep maroon in color. The talk of the withdrawal of the 50c. stamp is only talk.———The *Ottawa Philatelist* is surely defunct this time, it having had its second-class rates taken from it on account of an article entitled "The Philatelic Mocking-Bird" which appeared in its columns.———We see by *The Philatelic Record* that Newfoundland is to shortly issue a new set of stamps, with a portrait of the Queen, as is shown in the new English coinage, with diadem and veil upon the head.———Seebeck's 1892 crop has been harvested and is now on the market.———All the Hawaiian Island stamps on hand at Honlulu were recently surcharged "Provisional Government." We may yet see the U. S. Columbians surcharged "Hawaiian Islands".———Seychelles recently changed her postage rates, and as a result we have an extensive crop of surcharges hailing from this place.———The Newfoundland 1 sh., vermilion, which was worth but $5 in 1870, now sells for $48; the Nova Scotia shilling has gone up from $3.75 to $37.90; the New Brunswick shilling from $4 to $40.50; New York 3c., on glazed paper, from 80c to $15; U. S. 1869 set from 60c. to $19; St. Louis 10c. from $2 to $33.50; Providence 5 and 10c. from 65c. to $22.05, and so on. In the face of this who can say stamp collecting does not pay.———We have a specimen of the Guyane 1c., 1893, which is spelt CUYANE in error for GUYANE. We have not as yet noticed this error in the higher values.———Mr. A. Schiff, of the National Collection Agency, New York City, was in Toronto on May 31st.———We have received from our friend, Mr. Jules Ledger, of Andenarde, Belgium, the new Belgium Sunday stamp. It consists of two parts which are separated by perforations; if it is desired that the letter be not delivered on Sunday, the lower portion is left on, while if the sender has no objection to its Sunday delivery the lower portion is detached.——— The Nebraska Philatelic Society which was organized in April, 1892, now has 41 members and 9 applications Nebraska philatelists are an active body.——— The first auction sale of the U. P. A. has been postponed to June 15th from date previously set.——— The famous philatelic poet, Guy W. Green, has gone into writing ballad poetry; in the Columbian issue of *The Pennsylvania Philatelist* he contributes a poem which occupies five pages.———*The Stamp News* says: Such a brisk business goes on every Thursday and Sunday at the Parisian Stamp Bourse, which is held in the open air, that it is said the authorities contemplate putting a roof over that part of the Champs Elysees.———Mr. W. Hadlow, of London, England, held his 21st sale at Chancery Lane, on May 12th. ———It has been suggested that in event of the Home Rule Bill becoming law, that the Irish Government thereby created will find it desirable to have a set of postage stamps for use in Ireland.———As will be seen by an advertisement in this issue, Queensland, Australia, is to have a new stamp journal to be called *The Australian Stamp News*.———Cape wood blocks are using rapidly on the continent.———New Zealand now has the backs of her stamps covered with advertisements. We consider that it is a profitable business for the N. Z. P. O. Dept.———The Duke of York, at his own request, has been admitted a member of the London Philatelic Society. We notice that a large number of the nobility are members of this society. Its Hon. President is H. R. H the Duke of Edinburgh, K. G. and C.; Hon. Vice-President, H. R. H. the Duke of York; President, the Earl of Kingston.——— The latest aspirant to fame is the *Western Journal of Philately*, published by L. M. Bates, of Valentine, Neb.———A large number of Canada 12d. are turning up, but soon disappear.———An error has been discovered in the 2c. and 10c. Columbian envelopes. They appear with and without periods after cents.——— The 27th meeting of the Philatelic Society of San Francisco was held May 5th.———*Kissenger's Philatelic Postal Card* has been excluded from the mails. ———Who can tell why editors and publishers of philatelic magazines find it too hot to write in the summer months and decrease the size of their papers? ———Several of the London (England) dealers have had a meeting to consider the advisability of establishing an open stamp exchange similar to the Stamp Bourse of Paris.———The Governor of the Straits Settlements has directed that not more than $500 worth of stamps be sold to one person without special permission. This applies to the Native States as well as the colony.———*The Philatelic Journal of America* says: "Upon authority of Mr. A R Rogers, of New York, whose information comes from an official source, we learn that the current issue of periodical stamps are to be placed on sale to the public. Collectors can then obtain specimens at face value. This will tend to reduce the present market value of the lower denominations and advance the price of unused specimens of the higher denominations to at least face value." The 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10c. stamps of the Argentine 1890 issue have been surcharged "Official," in black.———The A. P. A convention will be held in the week of August 14-19 at Chicago, near the corner of 35th Street and Cottage Grove Avenue.———The *Dominion Philatelist* has decreased in size to 12 pages. Hot weather the probable cause!——— We hear that a Chicago collector will shortly issue a philatelic postal card, like that issued by Mr. Kissinger. It is to be used for kicking and criticizing. It may be refused the mails, as was Mr. Kissinger's paper of this nature ———Mr. E. Y. Parker, of Toronto, called on us recently.——— We see by the *Southern Philatelist*, that parties who were swindled by the Toronto Stamp Concern, of Yorkville, can obtain recompense by addressing Mr. F. D. Barwick, Post Office Inspector, Toronto, Ont. We recently exposed this firm's fraudulent dealings through this paper.———Our Annual List, No. 4, will be ready Sept. 1st, and will be the most artistic and the best list ever issued by a Canadian dealer. Have your name entered for a copy.——— The *Philatelic Gazette* is a new paper of more than average merit hailing from Ore, England.——— Six new members and three applications are received by the P. S. of C. for June.———*The Chicago Philatelist* is undoubtedly what it claims to be: "Much in a nutshell." It is the best magazine of its size published, perfect in contents and appearance.——— "Among the recent acquisitions to the London Society is a real live prince—no less a person than Prince Doris Shahoffskoi, probably of Russia. The Prince has not been a resident in this country (England), for some time. His name, I believe, came over in a separate vessel."———In conclusion, look out for improvements next month.

The No. in the bracket on your wrapper indicates when your subscription expires.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

Quebec, 7th June, 1893.

Editor Canadian Philatelist:

DEAR SIR,—For the information of collectors of Revenue Stamps, I herewith send you a copy of a circular respecting the change in color of the current stamps in use for the Province of Quebec. In addition to the information which it conveys, I may add that the new colors were issued for the first time on the 19th of May, 1893.

Yours very truly,
ERNEST F. WÜRTELE,
President Canadian Philatelic Ass'n.

CIRCULAR.

To the Sheriffs, Prothonotaries. Clerks of the various Courts, Registrars, Stamp Distributors, etc., etc., of the Province of Quebec:

SIR,—I am directed by the Honorable the Provincial Treasurer to inform you that, owing to the discovery that certain persons were cleaning and using a second time cancelled law stamps, it has been decided to have a new issue printed in different colors, as follows: 10c. to 90c. stamps, inclusive, in mauve instead of red; $1 to $5 stamps, inclusive, in green instead of blue; $10 stamps in blue instead of yellow; $20 stamps in yellow instead of green; $30 stamps in red instead of mauve.

You will go on using such stamps as there may now remain in your hands of the old colors, until the supply of them is exhausted, but the Honorable the Treasurer wishes you to examine carefully any stamps, especially in the old colors, which may be presented to you to be affixed to documents, so as to make sure that they have not been already used.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,
A. BROSNAN,
Comptroller of Provincial Revenue.

PACKET NO. 30

Is enjoying a very large sale. We receive many flattering testimonials as to its cheapness. The following is a sample:

ERNST-CRAMER BLOCK,
Denver, Col., June 22, 1893.

L. M. STÆBLER, ESQ., London, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—Your packet No. 30 to hand. I find after going through them carefully that it is the finest packet for the money I have ever seen, there being fewer (what I would call reprints) torn stamps and the cheaper grades than I expected.

Very truly yours,
JOHN W. LUTTON.

To parties desiring a superior packet we can strongly recommend this. See adv. on second cover page.

Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co. should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free upon application by addressing above firm at 925 LaSalle street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

PHILATELIC ODDITIES.

(Suggested by A. A. Bartlett's article on "Inverted Watermarks," in Stamp News Annual.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

I really supposed that our hobby had furnished
Each singular freak that man's mind could devise;
That we had sought errors with infinite patience,
Till nothing was hidden from eagle-like eyes.

But now I acknowledge that I was mistaken,
That regions exist we should straightway explore;
That rarities wait for the diligent student
Which eager collector has ne'er seen before.

A fellow who dwells in the desolate fastness
That touches our land on its northernmost side
Has made a discovery strange and exciting,
And points to his trophies with pleasure and pride.

It seems, so he tells us, that watermarks sometimes,
Forgetting their dreary and dignified past,
Appear on their heads in unusual manner,
Like boys whom a "show" into raptures has cast.

'Tis thus that the hindermost portion is changed to
The front elevation of this sort of mark,
As if the impression had gone on a "bender,"
And still was engaged in its gay, drunken lark.

'Tis thus that a crown becomes oddly inverted,
Until, if a monarch would bear it around,
He needs must direct both his feet to the zenith
And rest his proud head on the plebeian ground.

'Tis thus that some watermarks seem to our vision,
To be in a sorry, lamentable plight;
With top at the bottom and "tother" side hither,
Till naught is appropriate, proper or right.

I truly am thankful for this new department,
That dear Brother Bartlett has shown us to-day;
I proudly rejoice that he comes in his wisdom
And guides our footsteps to a glorious way.

I hail thee, oh, Bartlett; I crown thee with laurels;
I lay this poor tribute of praise at thy feet;
I'll fall down before thee and do thee obeisance,
If ever the future permits us to meet.

—*Southern Philatelist.*

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Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

"NEW" POST OFFICE RULES.

A funny postmaster recently sent to the Post Office Department a new set of Post Office rules. They were ;

A pair of onions will go for two scents.

Ink bottles must be corked when sent by mail.

Persons are compelled to lick their own postage stamps and envelopes ; the postmaster cannot be compelled to do this.

Persons are earnestly requested not to send postal cards with money orders enclosed, as large sums are lost in that way.

Nitro-glycerine must be forwarded at the risk of the sender. If it should blow up in the postmaster's hand he cannot be held responsible.

When letters are received bearing no direction, the persons for whom they are intended will please signify the fact to the postmaster that they may at once be forwarded.

As all postmasters are expert linguists, the address may be written in Chinese or Cree.

It is unsafe to mail apple or fruit trees with the fruit on them.

It is earnestly requested that lovers writing to their girls will please confine their gushing rhapsodies to the inside of the envelope.

Ducks cannot be sent through the mail when alive. The quacking would disturb the slumbers of the clerks on the postal cars.

When watches are sent through the mail, if the sender will put a notice on the outside, the postmasters will wind and keep in running order.

John Smith gets his mail from 674,279 post offices, hence a letter directed to John Smith, North America, will reach him.

When you send a money order in a letter, always write full and explicit directions in the same letter, so that any person getting the letter can draw the money.

Alligators over ten feet in length are not allowed to be transmitted by mail.

The placing of stamps upside down on letters is prohibited. Several postmasters have recently been seriously injured while trying to stand on their heads to cancel stamps placed in this manner.—*Clipping.*

HOME RULE AND PHILATELY.

The editor of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* was wise in his generation when he addressed a polite query to the Premier as to the bearing of Home Rule on the future of stamps. Mr. Gladstone's reply was not very precise, to be sure, inasmuch as he confined himself to the statement that the question "will be one for the consideration of the Irish Government." Still, when once it is clear that the matter is within the competence of the proposed Parliament on College Green, it follows, as the night the day, that the passage of the Home Rule Bill would inevitably lead to the issue of a new and distinct series of postage stamps." The patriotic Irishman is a great fellow for signs and emblems, legends and mottoes, and we may rest assured that if there is an Irish postage stamp it will be something rich and strange. The Premier's announcement, we fear, cannot but lead to a serious conflict in the bosoms of all stamp collectors. From the evidence which their hobby affords them of the greatness of the British dominions, they can hardly fail as a class to be imbued with the Imperialist ideal. But, *qua* collectors they will probably welcome the possible issue of a new series of stamps, irrespectively of the disastrous events of which that issue is the visible emblem. The philatelist whose Unionism triumphs over his collecting mania really deserves to have ten votes at an election. It is worth noting, in conclusion, that the ability to establish a separate postage which is to be conferred on the Irish Government, might, under certain circumstances, prove a most lucrative source of revenue. When an Irish Republic takes the place of the nondescript *regime* which Mr. Gladstone hopes to introduce, apart from the national love of change there will be a strong monetary inducement to replace President Justin by President Tim, and to keep ringing the changes as rapidly as possible, for as one head succeeds another on the Irish stamp, it will always be possible to sell the disused remainders at a good price to wealthy philatelists. This, at least, is said to be the case in the Republics of South America, and Ireland could hardly fail to profit by so instructive and congenial an example.—*London Globe.*

NEW CAPE COLONY STAMPS.

The Cape Government have accepted a design for a new postage stamp for the Colony, and the issue will commence as soon as possible. The stamp, which is of the same form and shape as the existing stamps, was designed by Mr. Mountford, and is exceedingly artistic, tasteful and appropriate. The centre is occupied by the figure of Hope standing erect, the right hand resting upon an anchor. In the background behind the figure is Table Bay, and showing Table Mountain, the Lion and the Devil's Peak. The base, consisting of a scroll, furnishes space for denoting the value of the stamp, and running along the top and down both sides, assuming the form of a horse shoe, typifying good luck, is a further scroll, bearing the words "Cape of Good Hope" The denomination of the stamp in figures is shown in both top corners. Altogether the stamp will possess considerable artistic merit, and Mr. Merriman, with whom the choice rested, has given the colony a stamp of which it might well be proud. Philatelists anxious to obtain early issues will be compelled to exercise some patience. There is but one specimen in the country, but we understand that there will be no further issue from the Treasury, and the new stamp will come into use immediately a supply has been struck.—*Johannesburg Star.*

A young woman in a Pennsylvania village the other day asked the postmaster for some stamps. "Which kind?" he inquired. "The ones with the whiskers," she replied, and at once gave her some 2c. stamps on which is the picture of Columbus with his 12 hours' growth of whiskers.

Rev. Father Tiernan brought a letter into the Police Station the other day addressed to "Mrs. John Neill, New London, Upper Canada, North America, in care of the Rev. P Priest, in care of the Police Sergeant, Canada, Philadelphy." The envelope very naturally bore the post-mark of Nenagh, Beb. 19.—*London Free Press.*

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EDITORIAL.

An Apology. We must ask that our subscribers be lenient in their criticisms of the lateness of our June number. It was wholly the fault of our printer, as we had our copy in at the usual date.

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Prospectus for Vol. III. Our September issue begins our third volume. From that issue THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST will appear to much better advantage. We are about to make a large number of improvements in its make-up and contents. Among the improvements which will be introduced we may mention: Each number will be illustrated with the portrait of some prominent collector or collectors. An illustrated catalogue of U. S. stamps will be continued from month to month. This last will be an important feature. We are also making arrangements with the leading writers to supply us with original articles monthly, and on *original* subjects. We have in the past perhaps admitted to our columns some articles not strictly first-class. For this we are to blame. We shall carry out the above to the letter, and as a result shall have the best 25c. philatelic paper in existence.

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Special Notice. Our local customers will please observe that our office will close every Thursday during the months of June, July and August at 1 o'clock. Kindly note.

Visitors to London. Among the prominent collectors and dealers who recently called upon us were Mr. Paine, of London, England; Mr. J. S. Robertson, of St. Thomas, Ont.; Mr. T. H. Hinton, of Chelsea, London, S. W., England. Mr. Hinton is among the oldest English dealers, and began dealing in 1868. He is well and favorably known in England. We expect to see a considerable number of English collectors this summer, as a large number of them will in all probability visit the World's Fair.

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Re Our Circulation. Last month we made an offer through these columns offering to supply this journal free of charge to any Young Men's Christian Association who would place the same on file in their reading room. In response we have received letters from a considerable number of these Associations stating their willingness to comply with our request. Many of the Secretaries stated that the paper would be especially acceptable owing to the number of collectors among the members. Our advertisers can readily see the benefit of this.

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The R. C. H. Brock Sale. The Brock Collection has always been considered one of the best on this continent. About one month since Mr. Brock placed this magnificent collection in the hands of the Bogert & Durbin Co. for sale. Several large sections of the collection have already been sold. The collection of entire U. S envelopes, which was the finest in existence, has been, we are told, sold intact to an American collector. "The other sections which are included in the sale are the Revenue Stamps of the United States, which is subdivided into three sections: documents, match and medicine, and tax stamps, and finally the collection of U. S. proofs. All of these goods have passed into the possession of that energetic collector, Mr. Hiram E. Deats, who, by this addition to his collection, becomes the greatest American collector." The balance of this magnificent collection will shortly be sold by auction. Date announced later.

To Foreign Collectors. We send a large number of copies to foreign countries each month for the purpose of securing your subscription. If this paragraph is marked, it is to be considered an invitation to subscribe. Our subscription rates to any country in the world outside of Canada and the United States are 50 cents, 2 sh., 2 fr., 2 mks., or equivalents. Remittances may be made by P. O. Order, or unused stamps of the lowest denomination.

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Our Subscription List. Our subscription list is not nearly so large as it should be. We are well aware that many of our patrons are interested in the success of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, to such an extent that they would not object to assist us in the matter of securing subscriptions. We have therefore decided to offer any person who will secure us the subscriptions of four of their friends, and forward same, together with $1, we will send the paper one year to each of the names sent, and also send you the paper one year for your trouble. If you are already a subscriber, you may have your subscription extended a year, or have the paper sent to some friend. Take advantage of this offer.

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Timely Topics. Proprietary medicines in England bear an *ad-valorem* stamp for revenue purposes. The amounts received by the government from this source during 1892 have just been published. On an article sold for one shilling (or 25 cents) the duty is 3 cents. On two shillings and six-pence (60 cents) it is six cents. The revenue from this source in 1892 exceeded that of 1891 by about $72,000. The total was well over $1,200,000 (one million two hundred thousand dollars). The quantity of merchandise covered by this duty must have been stupendous. I may add that the duty is added to the retail price. Thus a shilling article stamped is sold to the public, when not cut, at one shilling, one penny and a half-penny.

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Rogers' Blue-Book. One of the most important philatelic works of the year is *Rogers' Philatelic Blue-Book.* It comprises a large quantity of information, valuable to philatelists, but more especially so to the dealer and publisher. It gives the names, addresses, occupations, age, references, societies of which they are members, size of collection, specialty, etc., etc , of almost 2,000 collectors. All American Societies are fully dealt with. The American dealers are also fully brought to light, capital, age, specialty and kindred information being given. Mr. Rogers is to be congratulated on the successful completion of a philatelic work of such importance. It is handsomely bound in blue cloth with gilt lettering. It can be obtained from us at the publisher's price, $1.00 postpaid.

A New Standard Catalogue. We are now promised a new standard catalogue. What success it will have is more than we feel inclined to say. American collectors are at present dependent on Scott's Catalogue, which has been and is the standard American catalogue. Other catalogues are published, but are not as generally used as those of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Now a syndicate of dealers whose object seems to be more one of rivalry than anything else (it cannot be from the profit of the publication they undertake it) are going to issue a new standard catalogue. Now we are well aware that Scott's catalogue prices are far from correct, that many are too high, many too low, yet when one carefully considers the matter, cannot it be easily seen that in a work which necessitates such an immense labor, a certain amount of error is excusable. Notwithstanding this, we are, however, not by any means inclined to favor one firm with the monopoly. The new catalogue we feel sure will receive fair and unprejudiced criticism from all. It promises that the prices will be correct to a great measure, that it will be a catalogue of the grade of Morris', Serrf's. and Stanley Gibbon's, whish are the acknowledged leading catalogues. There is one thing however which is apt to deteriorate the value of the catalogue : After the compilers have finished their work a committee of prominent and experienced dealers will meet in New York and carefully revise the list of prices before it is printed. This committee is composed of stockholders of the Company, and any dealer who purchases 1,000 catalogues may sit on the committee, and we presume that the meaning of this is that any dealer who thus obtains representation on this board of revision will wield a considerable influence toward the placing of the price of a stamp of which he holds a large stock. However, the promoters of the catalogue may deny this, they will find that this will be partially true. It is next to impossible that a catalogue compiled under the supervision of a ring of dealers can be free from this detestable evil. Few American catalogues are, now, in my opinion, and we do not believe we are alone, this is the only objection of any importance that can be made against the new catalogue, yet we may be wrong in our prediction. We *on the whole* are inclined to favor the new catalogue. It may serve to encourage among cataloguers a greater uniformity in price, for any general and great difference in price would cause unfavorable comment. This will probably lead both cataloguers to use a more careful judgment in placing the correct prices, yet we could not refrain from objecting as we did to the mode of revision. Collectors should have representation. "Every stamp will be priced. Many stamps are now priced at a few cents that can hardly ever be found in a dealer's stock ; the prices should be raised. Many others less scarce are priced far too high, and these

should be reduced. It is only by experienced dealers that these mistakes can be rectified." Thus say the publishers. The C. H. Mekeel Pub.ishing Co. of St. Louis, and a couple of large New York dealers, are the ones who are prlncipally interested in the movement, which it is altogether probable will meet with the success that an enterprise of such proportions deserves.

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The De Coppett Sale. We are probably a little late in making mention of this sale, which was one of the largest auction sales of stamps ever held. The total amount realized by the sale was in the neighborhood of $30,000. Space being at a premium this month, we are unable to give a list of the prices obtained. A British Guiana, 1850, 2c. pink, which Mr. De Coppett purchased some years ago for $192, was sold to Mr. F. W. Hunter for $1,010. Who in the face of this can say stamp collecting does not pay. This is the highest price which has ever been paid for a stamp by auction.

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Timely Warnings. Our esteemed contemporary, *The Post Office*, gives a couple of important warnings to its readers, which we must needs repeat. A certain society (?) Germania, or The German Philatelic Society of New York, which has been very extensively advertised through the medium of the philatelic press, has been investigated by *The Post Office* and has proved one of the greatest philatelic swindles ever discovered. The Society, which was said to have its headquarters in New York, claimed to hold very large local meetings, and that its total membership, local and corresponding, was about 800 The Society in New York consisted of but one person, Ph. Heinsberger alias F. Philips, and following this up, of course no meetings were held. Dues were at the modest sum of $3 per year. It can be readily seen the amount which this party must have secured annually from a large number of dupes. We congratulate Bro. Gremmel for his promptness in disclosing this swindle. The same paper also warns collectors against purchasing any of the Mexican Provisionals, so-called, Campechie, Monterey, Patycuaro, Zacatecas, as the editor claims to have almost positive proof that all of them are bogus. Full particulars are promised in their next issue.

Mexico Port de Mar. We quote the following extract verbatim from *The Monthly Journal* on the Port de Mar stamps of Mexico: "Finally, we have an explanation (which we have no doubt is the correct one) of the use of Port de Mar labels which have so long puzzled collectors. At the time these stamps were issued all letters passed through Vera Cruz (instead of going via New York, as at present). The minimum charge was 50 cents, and there being no arrangement for paying a fixed subsidy to the mail steamers, the postal officials in Mexico attached Port de Mar stamps to indicate to the Governor of Vera Cruz the amount of sea postage he was to pay on each letter. The Governor of Vera Cruz is said to have objected to the stamps on yellow paper and these consequently were never issued, and not even gummed officially. The stamps were not cancelled, except accidentally in cancelling the ordinary stamps, or postmarking the letters, hence the rarity of *used* copies, so called. It appears, therefore, that these are not postage stamps in any sense of the word indicating neither postage paid, or postage due, but merely conveying information on matters of accounts. They may be classed with *Postal Labels* like "Officially Sealed," "Returned Letter," etc.

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Terra del Fuego. *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* is a first-class investigator, and quite often settles questions on which collectors are in the dark. We quote the following on the Terra del Fuego stamp: "We have at last obtained some information in regard to this curious stamp bearing the name of this country, the history of which (the stamp, not the country) has never, we believe been fully known. Our informant is a naval officer who was enabled to make inquiries on the spot in February last. A small steamer runs occasionally from Ushuwaia, the principal town of Terra del Fuego, to Punta Arenas (better known as Sandy Point) in the Straits of Magellan, conveying mails to catch the Pacific Mail steamers which call at the latter place. The authorities at Ushuwaia state that a Mr. Popper, a member of the Argentine Trading Company there, had the stamps printed on his own authority, and had them used on one batch of letters by this steamer to indicate the postage (paid we presume to the Trading Company for the conveyance of the mails). The government of the Argentine Republic however, of which Terra del Fuego forms a part, confiscated the stamps and stopped their use, and the Chillian authorities at Sandy Point equally objected to them so that the circulation of the Terra del Fuego stamps came to an untimely end. It thus appears that they were not in any way a Government issue, though they may have been genuinely issued by a Letter Carryin Company."

Argentine Reprints. We regret that we have found the 1864 Argentine reprints sold by us to be forgeries. These were sold us by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., of Ipswich, Eng., and guaranteed genuine. They were, however, submitted to a leading N. Y. expert, who pronounced them frauds. We did not expect this from a firm of the standing of Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. We have destroyed our entire stock of these. We desire that any of our customers who bought these stamps from *us* will return them, and we will refund the amount paid. We regret greatly that this occurred.

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Mr. R. W. Hannington. We cannot commend in too strong terms the prompt and efficient action which Mr. R. W. Hannington, of St. John, N. B., took in relation to the Coombs' frauds. Only for his decided course, there is little doubt but that a very large number of our leading advanced collectors would have been victimized, as some were. The frauds were so well executed that some of our leading collectors and experts of B. N. A. provisionals were deceived. We feel all collectors will join us in thanking Mr. Hannington for his valuable services and the prompt exposure.

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Re Dickson. The *Dominion Philatelist* has for two months devoted the greater part of its space to H. S. Dickson, who for a month or so glared up brilliantly as a dealer. Mr. Dickson, however, made a failure at the stamp business, and failed to fill some of his orders. He had a prosecution entered against him by Mr. Hunter, of Ottawa, which, we believe, was settled out of court. Mr. Ketcheson seizes this opportunity (perhaps our readers can divine the purpose?) of casting a slur on London dealers. It is true there are a number of small dealers in London, yet, to the best of our knowledge, they are *honest* and straightforward in their dealings. In no other instance, save that of Dickson, have we ever received a complaint in regard to the business reliability of any London collectors or dealers. Moral:—People who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

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The Columbian Jokes. He who said that the jokes which the American press have published on the Columbian stamps would fill a book, spoke truthfully. The two latest, which are at present on the rounds, are herewith given. "A man, who evidently was married, remarked that the new Columbian stamps were only fitted for women to lick, as they (the women) had so much tongue." It is also said that "The Columbian stamps would make any man a liquor (licker) fiend." The famous American humorists are very much in need of a new subject.

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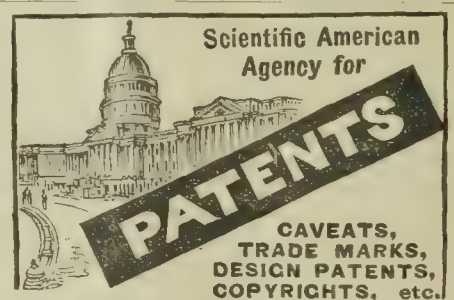

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TO A CONFEDERATE STAMP.

Eighteen hundred and sixty-one,
That is the year the war was begun.
Times were hot and so were the men ;
Our old Abe. was President then.
The South was waxing warm for a fight,
Thought they could lick in the wrong or the right ;
Stormed Fort Sumter, and then Uncle Sam
Uttered a word that sounded like *dam*,
And set to work to place things aright.
And the North arose in the space of a night,
And—but you know the story, they righted the wrong ;
And the feud has long died, but many a song
Tells of the deeds that the battlefields saw,
Right in the face of Death's grim jaw.
And the United Nation in mourning still,
Have mourned for the strickened and ever will ;
New flags in the grave-yards every year,
And all our broad country is dropping a tear.

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A postage stamp engraved in green,
Jefferson Davis' face is seen ;
Confederate stamps in letters fine,
A pale-faced ghost of the old war-time.
What hast thou seen? What canst thou tell?
Perchance thou hast been in the mouth of hell,
Where the battle of Gettysburg fiercest raged ;
In trenches where thirst could not be assuaged ;
On Lookout Mountain, above the clouds ;
In Richmond's hospitals wounded crowds ;
In the damp morass of the wilderness,
Where the dying men curse instead of bless ;
At Vicksburg, where the shot and shell
From the gunboats all around you fell ;
Hast thou brought the news of death by a ball,
Making aged mothers swoon and fall?
Or told of the cruel Guerrillas of Lee,
Their son a deserter and hung to a tree?
To a beautiful girl of the south hast thou brought
The news that dissevered the true lovers' knot?
Hast thou told how the mothers and babes had to flee,
As Sherman, through Georgia, marched down to the sea?
No wonder thy face has grown faded and gray,
With the memory of deeds of that cruel day.
I'll keep thee and treasure thee for all the woe
Thou hast known in the days that were long, long ago.

—CHAS. E. JENNEY.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

A JAPANESE PICTURE.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

You ask me why I love them,
These stamps from old Japan:
And why I sit thus musing,
And deep their features scan?
They scarcely seem artistic,
No colors bright I see;
Yet of all my choice possessions
They seem the best to me.

Among my album's treasures
Much fairer ones appear;
But none among the number
To me seems half so dear.
'Mong all the ones I've gathered
Since collecting life began,
None draw my heart so closely
As the stamps from old Japan.

Time honored as a nation,
'Neath centuries so dark;
That learning's candle entered not
To throw of light a spark.
But bloody war was not your aim,
But quiet life you ran,
Till knowledge came and conquered hosts,
Ye antique, loved Japan.

The rose, the thistle moves me not,
Nor heads of rulers grim;
The locomotive, beaver, cod,
Nor steamships, staunch and trim;
The cassowary, Kangaroo,
I see no charm in these;
Queer emblems of diversity,—
Give me one Japanese.

I see the gay chrysanthemum,
An emblem which I prize;
I fancy that I see again
Those drooping love-lit eyes;
I see those flowers on the breast
Of my first sweetheart Louise;
And this is why, from all the rest,
I chose the Japanese.

CHATS ON COUNTERFEITS.

BY THE EDITOR.

(Compiled from various sources.)

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AFTER the few introductory paragraphs regarding counterfeits given by me in my paper of last month, I consider that it will be advisable to enter into the subject in detail. Any further definitions that may be needful will be given as we progress.

"*Montenegro.*" These stamps have been extensively forged, and so well executed are some of the forgeries that an expert often finds difficulty in distinguishing between the genuine and the forgery. In the genuine stamp, as well as in the forgery, all the values are printed from the same stone. In both cases the stamps are lithographed. The genuine is printed on *thick*, white-wove paper, while the forgery is printed on *thin*, white-wove paper. The genuine is perforated 10½, the forgery 12½. In the genuine stamp the inscription on the right-hand label reads: T.SR, GORE. The letters TS are like two I's joined at top and bottom with a little tail to the right-hand of the bottom cross-stroke. This has the appearance of a flaw. In the forgery the inscription in the right-hand labe. reads: PR, GORE. The P is like two I's, joined at top and bottom, but without the little tail. In the genuine stamp the stops after TSR and NOVCH are larger and distinct, while in the forgery they are very small. In the genuine stamp the ear is large and very prominent; in the counterfeit it is almost hidden by the hair and whiskers. The genuine stamp also shows a very prominent vertical cleft or dimple in the chin, which in the forged stamp is very indistinct and runs in a vertical instead of an oblique direction. The colors in the genuine and forged specimens are almost identical. In the genuine the perforation is large and distinct, in the forgery it is smaller and very poor. The forgeries are ungummed. The entire series has been counterfeited, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25 NOVCH. The above points are the most prominent differences which are apparent between the genuine and forged stamps.

"*Newfoundland, Triangular 3d. of 1857.*" This stamp was forged years since, and I quite often meet with copies of the forgery in collections made in the "sixties." The genuine stamps are unperforated and engraved in *taille-douce*; the forgery is lithographed. The ground work of the central triangle, behind the large trefoil, is engine-turned all over. There are, however, three horizontal lines where the engine-turning allows more of the dark background to be seen. In the forgery the imitation of the engine-turning is in four strips, so that the dark background shows without any lines upon, it between the strips. The dark background is more prominent in the three lower strips. In the genuine this dark background also shows faintly, however, the engine-turning is all one piece. In the genuine stamp the word NEWFOUNDLAND is spelt as one word; in forgery the name is separated and spelt as two separate words, thus: NEWFOUND LAND. In the genuine stamp the apostrophe in JOHN'S is correctly shaped, as is also the comma after POSTAGE. In the forgery the apostrophe in JOHN'S is very badly shaped, while the comma after POSTAGE is a badly shaped period. In the genuine stamp there are three leaves on the left of the thistle, while in the forgery there are but two. The rose and shamrock do not touch any part of the border in the genuine, but the stem of the thistle just touches the border at the bottom. In the forgery the leaf on the left of the rose touches the inner border of the trefoil, and the top leaf of the shamrock almost touches the border also. The stem of the thistle does not touch the border, in fact the stem does not project below the leaves at all. The lettering on the forgery is very ragged and too thin-faced. The color of the genuine stamp is a rich, dark-yellow green; the color of the forgery is a blueish-green of a decidedly chalky appearance In the forgery there is also a flaw in the top of the H in JOHN'S on the left-hand stroke, and the imitation engine-turning projects a little too far, just under the first D in NEWFOUND LAND, forming a white spot. The forgeries were printed in sheets of 30 and cancelled with an imitation of the Br. Guiana cancellation stamp without figures. These points are the principal differences between the genuine and forgery of this stamp.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

AN ANTIQUATED GODDESS.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

THERE has been one species of philatelic torture which seems to have run its brief life, and with the best grace possible, under the circumstances, let us retire it to the "realms from which no wanderer returns."

I refer to that super annuated figure which has been supposed to represent, or misrepresent, our fair Goddess during her existence.

During the rise and fall of representative stamp journals of their day, how often those weazened features and wasted forms of Philatelia have shone forth from the engraved covers.

And an eyesore they have been! Take the old "collector's ledger" with its standing figure of philatelia, her right arm tortured and twisted, clasping close that bulging album of treasures.

Ye Gods! What a sight! Give one glance at the figure represented on the old "*Rhode Island Philatelist*," and later on the "*Philatelic Era*," that faraway, listless expression in her deep-sunken eyes is enough to drive one to drink. And the original phototype, the figure on the earlier issues of the "*Philatelic Journal of America.*" God grant that the philatelist of the future may not be tortured as we have been.

Then the triumphant figure of Philatelia as displayed on the lately departed, but never to be forgotten "*Missouri Philatelist*," that long flowing hair which the western zephyrs had blown back over her shoulders, that decollette costume, the half-startled expression. Rejoice that it is with us no more!

Have we been worshipping at the shrine of such an unpleasing personality? Then all my fond hopes have flown, and I shall "hang my harp on the willow tree and off to the wars again."

In her dreams we have thought her young and fair, gracious and gentle, loving and lovable, yet it would require a vivid imagination to picture this emblem as an embodiment of these virtues.

But it seems that we are to be relieved of this dire affliction which the passing years has thrust upon us. The old idea must give way to the new, just as all old ideas do. Our friend Mekeel has set the example and what do we see?

Well it is not artistic, but it is at least modern. Instead of an imaginary personage, wholly devoid of expression, loveliness of grace, we have a modern Philatelia, an every-day maiden; you can see hundreds bearing a resemblance to her in your daily walks.

Then this bright, young Westerner who has come among us to share our good and ill, the *Philatelist*, of Denver, Colo., has presented us with a most-welcomed figure, that of a young knight of the realm with album opened before him, and an expression of delight o'erspreading his face as he views his collection so nearly completed, yet can we not see a bit of wistfulness there, that he may possess those three coveted specimens for the lower corner?

Truly there has been a re-action and it is highly pleasing to contemplate. Let us have more of these modern representations. and less of those hackneyed figures typical to philatelic research and exploration.

Would it not be far better to retire that globe which is getting a trifle antique, and instead, place at the right-hand a perforation gauge, a magnifying glass and a color chart? We may reasonably expect to "get out of the rut" after a time, and present to the world a figure, queenly in form and figure, typical of our science and its followers. Let the good work go on.

THE AGITATOR IN PHILATELY.

BY W. CULLEN BROWN.

PHILATELY has thousands of different natures amongst her ranks. It is my purpose in this paper to deal with one of these many classes; a class, which it is at first thought difficult to determine whether their adherence is to be appreciated or disdained. Philately is a school of politics. A government that had no opposition to oppose its measures, would, strictly speaking, be anything but political. The opposition is a necessary part in politics, and in the ruling of a nation. It prevents, in a measure, corruption. It prevents a sameness of procedure and action, and, as a result, gives us variety, and such exercise of our talents for debate which might otherwise be limited. The opposition is usually in the minority; when it obtains a majority it is no longer the opposition but the government. Its case may be either right or wrong; because its supporters are in the minority it does not necessarily follow that their policy is poor.

Now other agitators, or the opposition in the philatelic school of politics, are quite different from ordinary philatelists. The governing class in philately are decidedly an easy-going lot. They become collectors, and take things as they find them. They consider: "The things which our forefathers had are sufficiently good for us." They sail along in the same groove from one year's end to another. No reform!

The agitator is not so. Improvement, progress, free trade, in thought and action, is his policy. He owns that in the past philately's trade has been good and firm, yet he looks forward to greater things in the future, and not only looks forward but works forward. He does not conceive of a good thing and keep it locked up in the secret recesses of his heart as a speculation, but lets his fellow collectors share in his benefits. The agitator is no monopolist!

Has not the rise of specialism been wonderful? How many years since one might as well expect to find a needle in a haystack as a specialist? Yet how great a transformation has been made through the agitation of a few, yes, very few specialists who first formed the opposition to general collecting. And now the strength of the opposition is such that it is indeed difficult to determine whether specialists are at present on the opposition, or whether they form the government. Specialism has to-day the support of the most powerful and influential philatelists. It is regarded as the most feasible and lucrative method of collecting.

The rise of specialism is but a single instance of the power which the agitator attains, and the influence toward progress which he very often brings forward to stimulate philately's growth. I do not write this paper for the purpose of creating a "kicking" tendency. My object is to urge collectors to conquer the "dumb spirit." Do not keep to yourself anything which may benefit others. Do not make your mind a miser!

The agitator is not always correct, you say; yes, that is, I admit, true. Yet on the truth, the value of his views, their success depends. If they are empty, devoid of usefulness, little notice will be taken of them; but, on the other hand, whenever they possess merit, rest assured, they will not long remain unnoticed. The philatelic world are always ready to weigh carefully anything for their benefit, and on its merits the result rests. In conclusion, do not hastily bring forward anything which does not deserve consideration. Look before you leap! If your views possess true merit, depend philatelists will receive them in accordance with their value.

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EDITORIAL.

Errors. Not errors in surcharges this time, but in the editor's mind errors of a nature more serious. In an editorial which appeared in our June number: "A New Standard Catalogue," about the middle of the column the phrase appeared, "of the grade of Morris', Serrf's and Stanley Gibbon's," as the majority of our readers know should have read: "of the grade of Moen's, Senf's, and Stanley Gibbon's." No words are too strong to use against the blockhead who read the proofs.

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Alamo City Philatelic Society. We have before us the Annual Report of the Alamo City Philatelic Society, which, since its organization, (April 30th, 1891), has become one of the strongest local societies on the continent. The Annual Report for May, 1893, is a neat little book of about 60 pages, from which we obtain much information in regard to the society. Portraits of President Maj. C. E. Dutton, Vice-President A. E. Hayden, Secretary-Treasurer E. W. Heusinger, Counterfeit Detector F. Noyes, Librarian E. F. Brotze, and the Executive, Messrs. Hensel, Huberich, Stevens, Coppard, the officers for 1893, are given. The present membership is 78, composed of active, corresponding and honorary members. Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month. The dues for resident members are $3.00, for corresponding members 50 cents per year. A life membership may be had on payment of $25.00 Should you desire to become a member you can secure application blanks and further particulars by addressing the Secretary, Edward W. Heusinger, Box 597, San Antonio, Texas.

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The Canadian Journal of Philately. Canada has in *The Canadian Journal of Philately* almost, if not the best Philatelic journal in existence. Mr. Fowler's venture has been a decided success, and is fully up to what it was advertised to be. The June number, which we have before us, was issued early in June, but owing to lack of space we have been unable to review it at an earlier date. Two plates are presented with the first number: one being a portrait of Mr. E. Y. Parker, of Toronto; the other plate being the illustrations in original colors of the U. S. 1847 issue, both originals, and the Government counterfeits being shown. The colors of these stamps has been said to be far from right. The fact that these many different shades of the early U. S. stamps should be considered, and we believe that there are many specimens identical in shade with those illustrated by Mr Fowler. This number also contains a number of articles of the highest class, which serves to show the care the editor has exercised in making his *Journal*, as it is, strictly first-class, and an honor to Canada.

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Trouble with Stamps. The post office department is obliged to redeem an enormous number of stamps which get spoiled while in the hands of postmasters. In warm weather nearly one hundred packages a day of damaged stamps come into the stamp division. During the winter comparatively few are turned in. Most of them arrive from the south and south-west, where stamps find the climate most trying. The parcels received run in value from a few dollars to several hundred dollars. Their contents must all be counted. Usually they

are stuck together in solid masses, which have to be put into hot water and steamed. If they come out in full sheets the task of reckoning them is easy.

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Our Subscription List. Our subscription list is not nearly so large as it should be. We are well aware that many of our patrons are interested in the success of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, to such an extent that they would not object to assist us in the matter of securing subscriptions. We have therefore decided to offer any person who will secure us the subscriptions of four of their friends, and forward same, together with $1, we will send the paper one year to each of the names sent, and also send you the paper one year for your trouble. If you are already a subscriber, you may have your subscription extended a year, or have the paper sent to some friend. Take advantage of this offer.

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Clerk Wanted! Here is an advertisement that was recently printed in a local paper: "Wanted.—A dry goods man—one who knows dry goods when he sees 'em, and who does not need inward wetting himself too often. I want a man who can sell goods in a country store. One who can tell a jigger from a hayseed. I don't want a liar, but I don't want a man who is too much a stickler for the truth. There are churches handy in the town, where forgiveness may be obtained at regular intervals on private terms. None but experienced men need apply. Address: Baxter Springs, Mo."

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Notice! The Editor was in Toronto for some days this month in connection with the stamp business, and called on a number of customers in that place. He expects to visit Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec and Detroit during August, and will call on a number of his customers in these places.

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The Press. Mr. Henry Ades Fowler, of the *Canadian Journal of Philately* has purchased the *International Philatelist* from Mr. Lowe. He will continue both magazines, *The Philatelist* is going to issue a 10,000 edition in July There is again talk of discontinuing the *American Philatelist*, the official organ of the American Philatelic Association. The C. H. Mekeel Co., who so kindly published the magazine for the Society during the past year, now make the Association an offer of a different nature. They propose that the *American Philatelist* be discontinued, and offer to print all reports, etc., of the Society in the columns of *The Philatelic Journal of America.* For several years the *American Philatelist* caused the convention some trouble, and will proba do so again at Chicago next August.

Change in Publication date. There has always been a disadvantage attached to publishing a paper on the 25th of the month. When published on this date, if a few days late, the paper is not delivered until the following month. This is very unsatisfactory both to subscribers and the publishers. If a journal published on the first of the month is a few days late the lateness is not noticed so much as in the previous case. We have been unavoidably late with our last two issues; and after consideration of the above we decided to change our publication date to the first of the month. To do this it has been necessary to issue two numbers (July and August), within a few days of each other, hence the slight reduction in size of this and our August issues. The August number will be mailed within a couple of days after this. Notwithstanding the decrease in size, we have made the contents equally as good as our other numbers. Volume III. of this Journal, which begins with the issue of September, will be greatly improved. See prospectus.

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Sample Copies. A large number of sample copies of this issue are sent out to collectors who are not on our subscription books. We trust you will examine this number, and should you desire to see us regularly, forward your subscription, for we send but one sample to one person. We guarantee 12 numbers, or refund subscription. You should subscribe.

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Prospectus for Vol. III. Our September issue begins our third volume. From that issue THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST will appear to much better advantage. We are about to make a large number of improvements in its make-up and contents. Among the improvements which will be introduced we may mention: Each number will be illustrated with the portrait of some prominent collector or collectors. An illustrated catalogue of U. S. stamps will be continued from month to month. This last will be an important feature. We are also making arrangements with the leading writers to supply us with original articles monthly, and on original subjects. We have in the past perhaps admitted to our columns some articles not strictly first-class. For this we are to blame. We shall carry out the above to the letter, and as a result shall have the best 25c. philatelic paper in existence.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's price list, consisting of 64 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed, and together with postage, the total cost will be $1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

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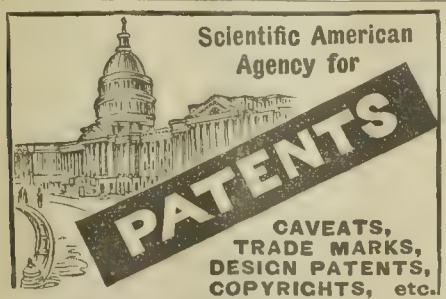

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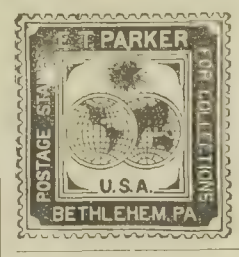

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CHATS ON COUNTERFEITS.

BY THE EDITOR.

(Compiled from various sources.)

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ICELAND.—Both the general issue and officials have been extensively counterfeited. The genuine stamps are engraved, while the forgeries are at the most poor lithographs. On the genuine stamps the 3, 4 and 16 sk. are perforated 12½, while the others are perforated 13½. The forgeries are all perforated 12½, so that in the case of the 3, 4 and 16sk. nothing can be told by the perforations. As will be noticed, the corners of these stamps are formed of lines of different lengths, making triangles. In the genuine there are twenty-four lines at the left-top corner, at the left-bottom corner twenty-eight, in the right-top corner there are twenty-six, in the right-bottom corner twenty-four. The forgeries differ from the genuine in this particular, in that there are in the left-top corner twenty-six lines, left-bottom twenty-seven, right-top twenty-eight, right-bottom twenty-six. In the genuine stamp the letter "O," in the words "POST" and "KJON" has an accent over it; in the forgery in neither of the two foregoing words is the accent visible. In the genuine stamp the top of the "A," in "ISLAND" is square, while in the forgery it is very sharp. In the genuine stamp the letters of value are almost as large as those in the name, in the forgery they are much smaller. In the genuine stamp the strawberry leaves are very distinct, and with the aid of a microscope the continuation of the lines of the background may be seen through the crown, between the cap and the arches. In the forgery the strawberry leaves on the crown are represented by three indistinct white blotches; and on examination the spaces between the top of the cap and the arches will be found to be quite blank. The gum on the genuine stamp is of a brownish color, while the forgery has no gum whatever. The forgeries have a decidedly suspicious appearance, and can usually be detected quite easily. The forgeries referred to are: The regular issue, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 16 sk., and 4 and 8, officials.

"*St. Thomas and Prince Islands.*" The forgeries of this place which I wish to describe are 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 and 100 reis, of the 1870 issue. The five reis the forgers apparently made separately from the other values, as it is decidedly different. I believe the following, which I have copied from *The Philatelist*, Vol. IX, will convey the desired information much better than any words of my own: "These stamps are very nicely designed, and printed, but the forgers have succeeded tolerably well in their imitations of them. The originals all seem to be from the same matrix, though the five reis may be of a different type. The genuine stamps are engraved in *esparge* (typograph), on moderately stout-surfaced, white paper; perf. 13. The little pearls in the circle, around the crown, are all strung together and are 122 in number. The accent over the E, in THOME is quite visible in all the values; but the one over the E of PRINCIPE can only be seen in the five reis. The line under CORREIO goes quite to the boundary line of the stamp on each side, as does also the line above the value. A straight line drawn upward through the crown and through the cross on top of it would just miss the E of NAME. The body of the I of reis is perfectly straight between the top and bottom cross-strokes. Above the NC of PRINCIPE, and in the three corresponding corners, there are two little circles formed by the curves in the spanduls. Each of these circles contains a tiny quatrefoil with an open dot in the centre of it. The little white space in the centre of each O in CORREIO is an oval. The letters of the name are in very thin, ornamental type. I have not seen any used copies, so cannot say what is the ordinary postmark. I had several sets from Portugal, but they were invariably unused. The gum is brownish. *Forged:* Lithographed on thin, unsurfaced paper, ungummed; perf. 13, 5 reis. I am obliged to take this value separately, as it is different from the others. It may be known from the genuine 5r. by the following tests: The letters of CORREIO are too tall, and some of them touch (or almost touch) the outline at the top; the line under CORREIO touches the boundary line on both sides of the stamp, and the line above the value touches on the left side only The right-hand end of the Etruscan ornament in the circle points towards E of PRINCIPE instead of outward. The little ornaments in the corners are wrong; all the ends pointing one way instead of inwards as the genuine ones do. The pearls are much too small and are separate. 10, 20, 25, 50 and 100 reis: all these are from the one matrix which is distinct from that of the five reis. The little pearls in the circle around the crown are separate from each other, and there are only 28 of them. In some copies there is no accent to be seen at all, and in others (the 20 and 25 reis) it is over the separate letter E instead of over the E of THOME. The lines under CORREIO and above the value do not touch the outer boundary line on either side. A straight line drawn upwards through the centre of the crown and the cross at the top of it, would pass between the E and P. The body of the I of reis widen out at the top and bottom where it meets the transverse strokes. The circles above the NC of PRINCIP, and in the other three corresponding corners have no ornament in them. The little white space in the centre of each O of CORREIO is a rectangle. The letters of the name are much too thick and very clumsy. The postmark is like our own but minus the central figures."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

THE GERMAN'S TRIBUTE.

I know they consider them lightly,
And perhaps they are correct enough ;
It may be they class them quite rightly
As that cheap continental stuff.
A thousand they buy for a quarter,
And think they are cheated at that ;
It seems to them as no great slaughter,
But profit on such stamps as that !

But I look at our own native eagle,
The eagle of duplicate heads,
The arms that our land has made legal,
And my life to a former it weds.
I see not the common red stamp, sir,
That all of them here so despise ;
But my cheeks often times will grow damper
From a mist shutting down o'er my eyes.

And I see through the midst, dimly gleaming,
The sunsets I knew long ago ;
O'er the vineyards of dear Rhineland streaming,
And the castles lit up by the glow.
There's the little thatched cot that we dwelt in,
The Fader and Gretchen and I ;
There the wide golden fields that we knelt in
As we gathered the stray sheaths of rye.

And there the long stretches of vine land,
Where we gathered the clusters, so sweet,
And the sunny-haired maidens of Rhineland
Pressed the juices beneath their white feet.
And there the broad sweep of the river,
Our own beloved, blue Rhine,
Flowing ceaselessly on forever,
Past the green fields all dotted with kine.

And when our own sunsets were glowing,
And shadows dimmed castle and hill,
The smoke from his long meerschaum flowing,
The Fader our young ears would fill
With tales of the Black Forest demon,
Of elfin, and goblin, and clown ;
And how in the Baltic, the seamen
The phantom ship saw and went down.

A common red stamp, you are saying,
But its color recalls the bright glow,
The blush of a Fraulein displaying,
One I loved in those days long ago.
Trash ! Worth not the paper and printing !
Ah, well, you can not understand ;
To strangers 'tis not ever hinting,
The memories of dear Faderland.

—CHAS. E. JENNEY.

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DRONES IN THE PHILATELIC HIVE.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

THERE is one class of collectors enrolled among us, who, while they do not retard our progress in the least, are surely doing nothing towards advancing it. They are moving carelessly about with no definite object in view, and they are only on our rolls because chance has placed them there, and they are too indolent to retire therefrom. They may be collectors who take as keen interest in their stamps as the rest of us workers. They pursue their studies idly, and with but a vague perception of what it is all worth. They live in a sphere strictly their own, and never get beyond its bounds. They are philatelic drones.

It is to be regretted that there are so many of these, and that their numbers never seem to diminish.

They seem unconscious of their idleness, and often wonder why other collectors who possess far less intellect rise to fame in the philatelic world, while they remain clouded in obscurity. They are not drones by nature, but they seem to be the victim of circumstances.

There are countless remedies for this, but I only propose to prescribe a few :

If you have been a collector for years, have a goodly collection of the gems, are a careful student of stamps, yet are known to but few outside of your own town as a follower of philatelia, why not secure the names of a few collectors in adjacent states and begin a pleasant correspondence with them on stamp matters in general ; it will not be long before you will be known and honored in the collecting world, for all will see that you are a lively collector and not a laggard.

Or better still, join some good society, your name will go forth to the outside world, through the columns of the official journal, and you will be known as an active, interested student of stamps.

Another drone is he who never writes for the philatelic press. He goes about researches, makes valuable discoveries, collects important data, yet keeps it ever to himself, never thinking for a moment that some less fortunate brother would be happy with the knowledge he might impart. Of course some of these drones may think that they have not the faculty of writing for the press, and this keeps them back. Never let this discourage you ; arrange your articles in the best language you can command, and the editor, if he be a good one, will revise your article and make it presentable before publishing it. Let your light shine!

And there are a few drones among the dealers. They have a good stock of stamps, give a good commission on sales, and are worthy of a large trade, but they are unsuccessful, and why? Because they are not appreciative of the power of printer's ink. They do not advertise, and if they do it is always where they get the cheapest rates. Generally these *low-rate periodicals* are dear at any price.

If they want to be workers in the philatelic hive, let them advertise constantly, summer and winter alike, persistently, yet prudently. Their office will soon hum with trade, and the drone will develope into a worker. Why be a drone? Others around you are laying in their supplies ; why not go out into the fields and gather in your harvests?

Let the hum of activity be heard on every side.

There's no room for drones, and unless you develope into a "busy bee." you'll meet the fate of the drone in philately as elsewhere.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

MEMORIES OF YOUTHFUL COLLECTING.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

I sometimes sigh for good old days,
The merry days of yore ;
When each new hour revealed me joys
I ne'er had known before.
When all the future seemed replete
With treasures I could clasp,
If I but chose to reach my hand
And take them in my grasp.

My album then was not, perhaps,
In Russia leather bound ;
My catalogues were out of date,
As I have later found ;
The value of the papers that
I fondly read was nil ;
The fictions I supposed were facts,
Would many volumes fill.

The hinges that I used were not
Of stylish wafer kind ;
And yet the thought of injured stamps
Had ne'er assailed my mind ;
For I had glued my specimens
With wondrous skill and care
In proper place, and I supposed
They'd stay forever there.

"Cut round" or "square"—it mattered not,
If spaces covered were ;
A half design sufficed for me,
The rest I could infer.
A label from a mustard pot,
Stood just as good a chance,
Of entering my album as
A stamp from sunny France.

Instruction came by slow degrees,
And banished all my dreams,
But still the jewel of those days
In mem'ry's casket gleams.
The wine of life has lost the zest
It had in those glad days ;
Before my feet had learned to tread
In rougher, harsher ways.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PHILATELIC WRITERS.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

THERE are a few subjects which are especially favored by all philatelic writers. These few topics are dwelt upon, regarded from various points of view, turned and twisted, until it almost seems that the themes should have been thoroughly and exhaustively considered long ago. One of the subjects to which I refer is philatelic journalism.

During the last year our stamp literature has received an unusual amount of attention. Papers and writers have been discussed by almost every wielder of the pen. Our monthlies have been analyzed and criticised and classified ; they have been praised and abused, lauded to the skies, and consigned (mentally at least), to the lowest depths of obscurity. Some of our *literati* have clamored for a greater number of journals ; others have affirmed that we were already overburdened with the products of the printing press.

Our philatelic writers have come in for their share of public attention. They have been recognized as an important factor in the stamp collecting world, and, as a result, liberal doses of commendation or of execration have been administered to them. The recipients of all this attention have conducted themselves with proper meekness and humility, as is becoming people in their station, and instead of wasting their time in useless strife and bickering, they have very industriously "sawed wood." The result is seen in the improved quality of our literature, and in the general high character of our more popular periodicals. In acting as they have, our pen pushers have shown a remarkable amount of common sense and good judgment. The same product does not please everyone, no matter how nearly perfect it may be. Tastes differ. Nine men may be pleased, and the tenth one may have feelings directly opposite in character to those of his predecessors. This fact is amusingly illustrated by a series of cartoons which once appeared in *Scribner's Magazine.*

An artist produced a comic picture which was completed with intense mirth and satisfaction. His office boy was seized with an uncontrollable fit of laughter when he observed the creation of his master's pencil. The people whose glances fell upon the caricature, as it was being carried to the editor of the funny paper, yielded to irresistible attacks of merriment. But when the editor's eyes rested upon the sheet which had called forth so many expressions of approval, he gasped convulsively and said, "Take it away, it gives me a pain."

In the philatelic world there are sometimes found people who disapprove of the very things which others have hailed with delight ; and it often happens that these individuals are the readers whose good opinions we most desire.

Because everyone does not shower encomiums upon a writer, however, he should not yield to discouragement, and, fortunately for us, the most of our writers do not.

Philatelic fiction has been earnestly and repeatedly condemned by numerous of our critics, but that is no reason why it should not be written. Philatelic poetry has been likewise condemned, but its popularity has not decreased in the slightest degree. Statistical articles have met with determined opposition from many sources, and yet they are sometimes very desirable.

In short, room can and should be found in the philatelic press for those kinds of literary diet which are demanded by differing classes of readers. We should not run to extremes, when we can best conserve our interests by preserving a wise equilibrium in the contents of our papers. Every deserving literary work, be it a poem, story, essay or compilation, should receive a cordial welcome from our editors.

Let each author choose his own pathway. Let him follow where his inclination leads, even if his work has never never been attempted and is likely to come as a surprise to his brother collectors.

We have lately seen an exemplification of the opinions expressed in this article in the Columbian issue of the *Pennsylvania Philatelist.* Such a variety of matter has never before been presented to the public in a single number of any paper. All tastes are catered to. No narrowness is apparent. Who dare say that the result is not a pleasing one?

There have recently appeared several magazines whose contents are exceedingly varied, and the regard of whose editors for all classes of collectors is as broad as is praiseworthy. Such periodicals are a comparatively new feature in our stamp-collecting world, and

they are sure to succeed. They are the very kind of monthly that has been long desired. Philatelists regard them and will regard all such with a favorable eye. They will support such papers with their pens and with their cash. We are not so selfish a clan as some people would have you believe. Merit and true worth are recognized as quickly in the ranks of our goddess' devotees as among any other class of our citizens.

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EDITORIAL.

Our Subscription List. Our subscription list is not nearly so large as it should be. We are well aware that many of our patrons are interested in the success of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, to such an extent that they would not object to assist us in the matter of securing subscriptions. We have therefore decided to offer any person who will secure us the subscriptions of four of their friends, and forward same, together with $1, we will send the paper one year to each of the names sent, and also send you the paper one year for your trouble. If you are already a subscriber, you may have your subscription extended a year, or have the paper sent to some friend. Take advantage of this offer.

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Special Notice. Our local customers will please observe that our office will close every Thursday during the months of June, July and August at 1 o'clock. Kindly note.

The Problem Solved. A story has been going the rounds of the philatelic press of a young lady who entered the post office, and handing the clerk a dollar, requested him to give her twice as many two cent stamps as one's, and the balance in three's. The clerk was so puzzled that he had to let the dollar go. He could have correctly given her any of the following lots: 2 1c., 4 2c. and 30 3c.; 5 1c., 10 2c. and 25 3c; 8 1c., 16 2c. and 20 3c.; 11 1c., 22 2c. and 15 3c.; 14 1c., 28 2c. and 10 3c.; 17 1c., 34 2c., and 5 3c. Though the problem at first appears difficult, a little thinking easily solves it.

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The Bolivia Journal Stamp. We have now to expose a fraud which nearly every large dealer fell victim to. The Bolivia Journal Stamps are now known to be bogus. "As far as we can gather, the history of these stamps is a follows: The first intimation of them, we believe, was at the Paris Philatelic Exhibition of last year. A frame was exhibited there containing these stamps, and in the name of the Bolivian Government. This alone was strong presumptive evidence that they were absolutely genuine, but we are able to establish, beyond a doubt, by the aid of Monsieur J. B. Moens, and Messrs. T. H. Buhl & Co., that they are absolutely bogus. The Bolivian Legation in Paris deny any knowledge of such stamps, and there is no doubt that the man who sold them, namely, R. Moens, of Paris, entirely originated and carried out this bold swindle. One fact that led us to have additional faith in these stamps was, that on April 5th last we received from Bolivia a parcel of them, supposed to be sent us in the ordinary way to be exchanged for other sets or packets. These copies had various postmarks, but the peculiar fact was that the envelope was franked with current issue of Bolivia, rouletted, also from the date of the letter, we found it had been five months on the journey. There appears to be no doubt but that it was written in France, and sent out to Bolivia to be posted to us. R. Moens must have dated it at the time he wrote without thinking. Our esteemed *confrere*, Monsieur Moens, of Brussels, made a special journey to Paris on this case, and after full investigation, he placed the matter in the hands of Mons. André Delanney, Advocate, 51 Rue St. Anne, Paris, France, and he was successful in getting back the amount he paid. We have placed the matter in the hands of the same gentleman, and trust we shall be able to obtain the greater part of the £80 paid for the stamps we bought from R. Moens. In conclusion, we would point out that we think some slight care should have been taken by the Committee of the Paris Exhibition to ascertain that the stamps were a *bona fide* Government Exhibit. We consider that this is the cleverest swindle that has been perpetrated on the philatelic public since that arch-

swindler, Van Dyck, palmed off on many dealers and collectors, the reprints of New South Wales." — *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal.* The publishers of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST sold a large number of these Bolivian Journal Stamps, and they will be pleased to have any customers who may have purchased these stamps from us send them back, with a note as to the price paid, and we will immediately return that amount.

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Mexico Reprints. The market is becoming drugged with reprints of Mexico issues, 1856-61-62, fraudently surcharged and cancelled. In reference to these stamps we quote the following from *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* : "It would be well for collectors to be on the look-out for Mexican reprints of the 1856-61-62 issues, as large quantities of them are being offered for sale. Heretofore it was not unusual to see reprints of the 4r. and 8r. of the above issues, unused and uncancelled ; now, however, these stamps are fraudently surcharged and cancelled, and their being treated in this way the unwary are apt to be misled. The colors of the ink in which they are printed are lighter, and in some cases different shades than the original. Most all of the varieties are sent out with the fraudulent gothic surcharges to fill the wants of those who require the 1867 issue. Coming as they do from Mexico they are very dangerous frauds. Parties in the post office, who were able to get hold of the plates, are the ones who are profiting by the deception. The Official Exhibit of Mexico, at Chicago, even contains several of the bogus stamps, which of itself shows how rare the used originals are getting to be."

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South African Republic. Our correspondent, Mr. S. A. Klagsburn, of Johannesburg, S. A. R, has kindly forwarded us specimens of the new half-penny Provisional, recently issued from that place. It is surcharged in both red and black, (the black surcharge being already obsolete), on the 2d. olive of the current issue, the word "half-penny" is surcharged in two lines, between two bars.

Prospectus for Vol. III. Our September issue begins our third volume. From that issue THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST will appear to much better advantage. We are about to make a large number of improvements in its make-up and contents. Among the improvements which will be introduced we may mention : Each number will be illustrated with the portrait of some prominent collector or collectors. An illustrated catalogue of U. S. stamps will be continued from month to month. This last will be an important feature. We are also making arrangements with the leading writers to supply us with original articles monthly, and on original subjects. We have in the past perhaps admitted to our columns some articles not strictly first-class. For this we are to blame. We shall carry out the above to the letter, and as a result shall have the best 25c. philatelic paper in existence.

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Kissinger's Philatelic Postal Card. In a recent number of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, on the strength of information furnished by our contemporaries, we stated the *Kissinger's Philatelic Postal Card* had been excluded the mails, and that the publication would be discontinued. We find that we have been in error, and hasten to correct our mistake. The facts are that it has been declared unmailable in its present form, and in future will have to be mailed in envelopes.

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THE PHILATELIC POET.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

He sits there alone in his dingy back room,
And paper and pen he will seize ;
His life is o'er clouded with sorrow and gloom,
And his trousers are patched on the knees ;
Yet he fills up the paper with jingles and rhymes,
Nor stops to grow moody and fret,
He tells of his album, of far sunny chines,
He pays for the praise he will get.

Through want, grim and stolid, walks forth by his side,
And the cross that he carries bears down,
They'll expect him to smile and laugh as a bride,
And never look sullen or frown ;
Though the praises he sings of his Godess so fair,
And the pleasures that gaily surround,
He sighs for one breath of the deep-scented air,
In the heart of the city ne'er found.

He may hear the deep praise that is sung of his worth,
And by compliments covered with glory,
But that's about all he'll get on this earth,
'Tis the same, oft-repeated old story ;
Yet he smiles as he writes of the stamps he adores,
Nor thinks of the pain that it costs him,
But at last he departs for celest'al shores,
And we all are so sorry we've lost him.

C. WESLEY PRICE.

MR. C. WESLEY PRICE, whose portrait we present to our readers this month, is personally known by some of our readers, especially those who are Canadians. Mr. Price is a resident of Plymouth, Michigan, and is a commercial traveller, representing D. M. Ferry & Co., the well-known seed house of Detroit. We scarcely know whether to term Mr. Price a collector, or a dealer, or both ; probably the latter will best describe what kind of a philatelist he is Mr. Price is a frequent visitor to our office, and we cannot but state that he is a true gentleman and a philatelist in all respects. Mr. Price is one of the most fortunate of collectors, and we cannot begin to enumerate his many "finds," any one of which would be a bonanza to us ordinary mortals. The last time that Mr. Price called upon us, we may say, that among other gems, he had with him a strip of three Nova Scotia shillings, and some single specimens of the same, strips of five and six, N. S., 3d. and 6d., and an abundance of similar rarities, which space will not permit us to mention. If reports can be depended upon, Mr. Price has a small fortune in such stamps resting securely within the walls of a certain Detroit vault.

CHATS ON COUNTERFEITS.

BY THE EDITOR.

(Compiled from various sources.)

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(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 170, Vol. II.)

CYPRUS.—To the best of my knowledge, the only stamps of this country that have been counterfeieited are the first issue, which it will be remembered were made by surcharging the then current issues of Great Britian "Cyprus." Many of the Cyprus stamps of the early issues have the forged surcharge. There are two ways by which the counterfeit may be detected : First—Most of the forged surcharges are found on stamps having different plate numbers to those used in Cyprus ; second—The forged surcharge is not as clear and bold as the genuine. Little trouble should be found in detecting these.

DENMARK.—The counterfeits of Danish stamps are easily distinguished from the genuine, which are *engraved* and watermarked, while the counterfeits are lithographed on unwatermarked paper. I have noticed stamps of the issues of 1853-58 with fraudulent rouletting ; the 4s. of this issue, rouletted, is quite a common stamp, and any suspicious specimens may be compared with this stamp and the difference in the rouletting will be readily seen. The size of the rouletting also aids detection. In the genuine there are 11 indentations in 2 centermetres, while in the counterfeits there are generally more.

CHINA.—We have never heard of any counterfeits of Chinese stamps.

CHILI.—These stamps have been seen counterfeited, but being *poorly* lithographed are easily detected.

CEYLON.—Counterfeits of *most* of the Ceylon stamps are easily distinguished, being lithographed on unwatermarked paper ; we, have, however, heard of the watermarks on these stamps being forged. Some very dangerous counterfeits are said to exist of the provisional issues, and great caution is required in purchasing these, especially the rarer varieties, as none but experts are able to distinguish the genuine surcharge from the counterfeit, although in some cases the counterfeit can be told by the watermark. There are also in existence some very dangerous counterfeits of the official stamp made by printing forged surcharges over genuine stamps ; the surcharge on the genuine official stamp is a bold black type and printed straight like all surcharges made by De la Rue & Co. In the counterfeits the printing is not so black, and is irregular; the letters are not of a height and the spacing will be found to vary.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

THE HOBBY OF HOBBIES.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

"The ruling fashion, be it what it will,
The ruling passion conquers reason still.—*Pope.*

ALMOST every man has some ruling passion: sometimes, a passion for books and learning; sometimes a passion for wine and women. Whichever it may be, it is apt to have full possession of him, and to sway him at its will. We seldom speak of interest in Philately as a passion. We call it by turns a fad, a hobby, or a science, according to the degree of our enthusiasm, but it does often become the ruling passion of our lives, taking the place of reckless amusement and dissipation.

It seems to me that it would be of some value to us to compare our ruling passion with those which govern us. Nearly every man has his fad. The bibliomaniac, the antiquarian, and the bric-a-brac collector are alike victims to a love for the rare and curious. Curiosities of all forms and all kinds are preserved by all sorts of people. The curiosity collector is almost as old an institution as the tax collector. But I leave out the question of collecting altogether; there are thousands and hundreds of thousands of other men who are entitled to the designation of cranks, that name which so easily provokes the stamp collector's wrath and indignation. There are horse-racing cranks, and cycling cranks, and dramatic cranks, and base-ball cranks. In fact, a large majority of mankind seem to be engaged in riding some pet hobby. Life and the magazine article are both too short for me to speak at any length on the various hobbies of mankind, and I must restrict myself to a comparison of several of the most prominent with our own favorite pastime. The collector of rare books would at first sight appear to have the best hobby in existence; but when we stop to consider that he buys a scarce old folio, not for the purpose of reading it, but because it is a rarity or a curious specimen of the book-maker's art, we see that he is not so far intellectually superior to the philatelist, after all. A taste for reading is one of the most valuable habits which man can acquire, and the collecting of books for the purpose of reading them cannot be too much commended; but I do not see that a love for rare first editions will prove a whit more beneficial than a similar love for unique and scarce postage stamps. The collector of old china, or pottery and bric-a brac of any kind, like the bibliomaniac is always cultured and intelligent, and usually wealthy, but this hobby cannot claim to be of much benefit intellectually. Objects which are treasured because of any historical association are always instructive, and the china collector finds many plaques and dishes, on which are painted representations of famous events in history. Thus far, such a collection is beneficial, but the same drawback which applies to collecting of books is equally true in this case, namely that money must be expended freely to obtain any appreciable results. The philatelist, on the other hand, is often a poor man. The very fact that many stamp collectors are young men, necessarily working for small wages, plainly proves that here, at least, the millionaires do not dominate.

The hobbies of our boyhood deserve little notice unless it be for the pleasures which they temporarily afford us. Looking back, it seems impossible that we could ever have derived any qualification from tobacco tags and cigarette pictures. The cigarette cards in particular were not over moral, being mostly adorned with portraits of young ladies, famous in that esteemed line of the drama, designated by the old maid, too modest to say "leg show," as a "limb exhibition." The collecting of postmarks was a slight improvement over the elevating pastime and yielded some geographical knowledge, but like the others was only a transient occupation. The collecting of bird's eggs recently dignified by some scientific name, which I can't at this moment recollect, has some merits, though such a collection soon languishes for want of specimens. Bird's eggs are an important aid to natural history, but this branch of collecting has never been very flourishing, probably due to the fragile and unwieldy nature of the specimens.

There is no end to the various things which might be collected; and I shall certainly not attempt to enumerate all or even half of them. The tyrant space compels me to pass over without special mention the collecting of minerals and insects, two exceedingly interesting and profitable hobbies, and attend at once to the only two dangerous rivals of Philately in the peculiar field.

Coin and autograph collecting are the only fads whose popularity is at all to be compared with that of Philately. Of course, I shall not institute a comparison between stamp collecting and the collecting of rare books or any other of the time-killing pastimes of the wealthy mentioned earlier in this article, since such a comparison would be ludicrous. Rare books appeal to an entirely different class of men from those who are reading this article, and to compare two such pursuits would be absurd. But stamp and coin and autograph collecting have a great deal in common, in fact, many persons are more or less interested in all three.

Coin collecting, which is a much older pursuit than Philately, has always been the latter's rival. It has been respectfully treated by the sceptical world when Philately was scoffed at. But Philately now has the laugh on her sister pursuit, for while Numismatics has stood still she has made a spurt and passed her in the race for popularity. Although I have never tried for myself the benefits of coin collecting, and cannot, therefore, speak from experience, we have the testimony of many who have forsaken Numismatics for Philately as to the superior charms of the later. Nevertheless, it is a good old science, a little slow, perhaps, but it ought to be respected for age, if for nothing else.

Autograph collecting is younger, and, although a very popular pastime, engaged in to some extent by great numbers of those who burn to possess the signatures of great men, is hardly likely to ever attract many philatelists away from their hobby Autographs are a first-rate teacher of biography, but there their merit ends; whereas Philately can boast of multitudinous attractions.

Come now, my friends; We have briefly glanced at about all the important fads of the hour, likely to prove attractive to the philatelist's heart. Would you exchange your hobby for any one of them? "Not I," cries Tom; "Not I," cries Harry; "Not I," cries Dick; and all about me I hear a chorus of negatives. "Why this enthusiasm?" asks some newcomer. The answer is not a long one. It is simply because our hobby is the hobby of hobbies.

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Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

MY FIRST STAMP SOCIETY.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

One winter, when the evenings passed
With dreary, dragging length,
And when the hoary ice king came
Among us in his strength;
We youngsters gathered, one and all,
In Andy Nuquist's store;
And there we formed the "Stamp Combine,"
Behind the close-barred door.

Each member then, with due regard,
Signed carefully and plain,
A set of by-laws just produced
From Andy's fertile brain;
'Twas then we met and organized,
'Twas thus we gained and grew,
'Twas thus we added strength to strength
The frigid winter through.

We came together ev'ry week,
In conclave most profound;
The old walls echoed gladly back
Our boyish laughter's sound;
And hand to hand, and heart to heart
We passed each joyous hour;
For each had felt the magic of
A common friendship's pow'r.

Of mighty undertakings there,
We fearlessly took hold,
And many were the auction sales
At which we bought and sold;
And sometimes, just to be in style,
With albums on our knees,
We held a good, old-fashioned "feed"
Of ginger snaps and cheese.

There we exchanged our surplus stamps,
With rare and ready tact;
And lied sometimes, I greatly fear,
In word, or deed, or act.
I recollect that Freddie Smith,
One evening somehow made
Himself a gainer off of me,
Through some unusual trade.

But next day things were evened up,
Because I found a tag,
Upon some ancient vermifuge
Put up by Bark and Wag;
And Freddie bought it, thinking that
The words I said were true,
When I affirmed it found its way
Clear up from Timbuctoo.

The boys are parted long ago,
And wander far and wide,
Throughout the broad earth's vast expanse,
Wherever men abide.
I wonder if they ever turn
Life's many pages back;
To all the joys they once possessed,
The joys which now they lack.

I sometimes think that could I live
The old, free life again;
With all its careless boyish sport,
So free from care and pain;
I'd just give up my chance of Heaven,
And revel for a while,
In that enchanted land of youth,
Where endless pleasures smile.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

CURIOUS FACTS: SOME OLD, SOME NEW.

It was not required by the postal rules of the United States and Canada, which were in existence at the time of the first issues, from both countries that postage should be post-paid by stamps. The U. S. 1847 issue only came into use in a few cities, and, indeed, all letters taken to the post office and there prepaid, as was almost universally the custom, were not stamped.

While the distribution of the pence issues of Canada was more complete, their use was exceedingly limited. It has been estimated that on only one letter in fifty was there used a stamp.

Many of the U. S. stamps, of 1847, are found accompanied by local stamps. The local posts placed boxes or stations in various portions of large cities, and letters collected from these were carried to the post office and mailed if they bore one of the company's stamps. Naturally, they either were prepaid by U. S. stamps also, or were sent unpaid, a less common procedure.

Postage stamps often bear secret marks which tend to render counterfeiting more difficult. Everyone knows of the letters in the corners of some British stamps, but few ever have been found without there having been pointed out the plate numbers which are placed literally with the lathe work in the one and two penny stamps which were used so many years and are so common. These figures are hidden so cunningly that one will look at thousands of these stamps without noticing them, though they are visible to the naked eye.

If you possess any reprints of U. S. locals or Hamburgs, taste the gum and you will never mistake it. Should you ever have trouble to decide whether an unused local is a reprint or not this knowledge will be useful. It is a mucilage, the like of which one's tongue will never taste elsewhere, and is used exclusively by the manufacturer of these things.

In the good old days, when few could tell counterfeits, such scamps as S. Allan Taylor certainly had a feast. He issued a local of his own, bearing his name, address, and the value of five cents. The writer recently saw an old album in which was a whole page of "rare" locals, all of which were either rank counterfeits or bogus stamps. In one of the lower corners was this "Taylor's Local," and well might the word "fecit" have been added, as the artist signs his name to his painting.

The Canadian stamp of the denomination of 12 pence bears that value instead of one shilling because 12d. was not 1 shilling at that time. The 6d. stamp bears the words "7½d. currency" also; therefore 12d. sterling was 15d. currency, and 12d. currency or a shilling was but 9 3/5d. sterling.

It is not a haphazard assertion to say that ninety-nine out of one hundred of the U. S. stamps sold as unperforated of issues after 1861 are perforated specimens which have been unperforated, *i. e.*, the perforation cut off. Perforated stamps are frequently met with the margins of which are as wide as of imperforate specimens listed in auction catalogues as having fine margins. —TIMBRE.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

THE CAMPAIGNS.

BY O. E. KLAPP.

THE great political strife, which has been the leading topic with the majority of philatelists and philatelic papers for a considerable length of time, and especially so for the past two months, has just come to a close; and we feel safe in saying that everyone was pleased when the motion was in order for the final adjournment.

Many of our local editors have injured themselves, inasmuch as they have even gone so far as to publish articles of abuse and slurs about some of our most prominent and earnest workers; and it is true that many friends have become most bitter enemies through these different writings. Those who kept their peace proved to be the most successful.

At the convention halls, at Chicago, all of the proceedings passed off in a business-like manner, and the officers and members present are to be congratulated on behalf of their good judgment, both in the transaction of business and in the selection of good officers; ones that are worthy of office, and willing to work for the general welfare and growth of philately.

In the selection of the head officers of both societies, two men of experience and knowledge were selected for the positions, and give general satisfaction to the majority of members. All other offices seems to be filled with honest workers, which shows that none other than good judgment was used throughout the entire ticket.

President Tiffany's address at the opening of the campaign was listened to eagerly by all present, and much praise is due that gentleman for his ardent working and interest which he takes in all philatelic proceedings. John is a pleasant fellow to meet!

The leader of the *Sons* is an estimable gentleman, and one who is willing to bear his share of the responsibility. Brother Russell is an honest philatelist, while probably not so well known as his opponent, Kessinger, yet he fills all the requirements of the constitution, and the number of votes he received at the last convention proves that he was the favorite of all.

Philatelists can now look forward until the time of another convention, when a larger attendance is expected. This will necessitate a better time, and all will consider the few days profitably spent.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

NOTES HERE AND THERE.

The current of philatelic opinion is at present setting in the right direction in regarding philately, not as a science nor a great educator, but merely as a pursuit of pleasure; an intensely interesting pastime, and a relief from other cares.

I think I recognize in "King Philip" an old school-mate, although the breadth of the Continent now separates us.

I have seen a portion of a sheet of the 6c. Columbian stamps, which had not passed out of the postoffice, turned to a handsome blue shade, between that of the 1c. and the 4c.

The Wells, Fargo & Co. have had a special imprint for the Columbian envelopes. It is now in blue, and an entirely different design from the time honored old one, which has been in use from a period ante-dating our earliest official stamped envelopes. The 1c. Wells, Fargo & Co. blue newspaper stamp, which is still in use, is the stamp of a private company, permitted by the government. The Wells, Fargo & Co. is in fact an independent mail route, but only for papers, not letters. This concession was granted mainly for the reason that the company's mail route is older than our own postoffice.

It is greatly to be desired that the year 1894 does not usher in a new issue of postage stamps upon us U. S. collectors. I think very few collectors desire it. There is no use in our government doing so unless it has grown envious of the money-making scheme of the Central American states. We do not want any such methods employed by our post-office, and there is no reason why, since they have not been counterfeited, and the colors are good, why our present small issue should not continue in use until the plates become too badly worn for further service; let all good collectors pray for this.

The stamp collecting mania—Tasmania.

Three Coasts, each of a different nation, now issue stamps; Costa Rica, the Rice Coast, Gold Coast; and Cote D'Ivoire, the Ivory Coast. There is at least one more to be added, the Mosquito Coast.

Long before the writer heard of watermark, and long and short surcharges, he had a big tin box full of St. Helena stamps, but he traded them all but one of value, for German and French stamps; and so today he is very mournfully comparing the thinness of his purse with the fatness of the rarer varieties, most of which he does not possess. This lonely little island with its celebrated history, has always had an attraction for the writer, especially as it was his father's headquarters for years. Although its stamps, with only two or three exceptions, are all surcharged, yet they do not belong to that deleterious class of more modern surcharges, because the surcharge does not form the distinguishing difference.

New Zealand stamps with the advertisements of soaps and patent medicines begin to appear occasionally, and one enterprising philatelist has already forestalled the catalogues by beginning a collection of the different advertisements.

In what a state of constant motion the dealers who read the newspapers for signs of advancement in stamps, must be kept. I pick up a copy of a great daily, and on the first page the following headings stand out; Revolutionists gaining strength in troubled Argentina; Liberal triumph in disturbed Nicaragua; The Franco-Siam difficulty somewhat smoothed over; Turmoiled state of Mexican provinces; Closer relations postally between Canada and Newfoundland; Quiet at Bombay; Important despatches to Hawaii; etc. etc. However, the Central and South American countries, which scarcely ever appear before the public without a quarrelsome adjective prefixed, need not worry the dealers, as Mr. Seebeck will take care of their interests sufficiently—and his own.

We are sorry to learn that a new postal card is to be issued in the place of the three now in use; in size about an average between the three. The big card is an extremely convenient one for those who wish to send a whole letter for only one cent.

—CHAS. E. JENNEY.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

TOO LATE.

BY CHAS. E. JENNEY.

"QUEER looking stamps, those! Victoria; eh? Old ones, too. Must be rare?" This was a remark from my friend, Barker, who, by the way, is not a "stamp fiend," as he designates me. The subject of his remark was one which even I considered worthy of notice. You know, as a general rule, when you show your unphilatelic friends your collection, and are enthusiastically giving them pointers on your rarities, they do not seem to be paying much attention, and all at once a bright colored stamp will catch their eye, and you will feel disgusted with the general ignorance of humanity for half an hour afterward at hearing them praise a —— Heligoland or — — Seebeck, as some of our non-church-going plilatelists are apt to term them—I mean the blank adjective part.

But my friend Barker is, although not a philly, as I said before, a man of judgment, and when I was showing him my stamps on the original envelopes, his attention was first attracted by one certainly worthy of remark. There were three stamps on the envelope besides the postmarks *Melbourne*, *Liverpool* and *London*, *rec'd*. There was a yellow six pence stamp of the 1854 issue of Victoria; a one shilling, blue and red, "registered" stamp, and another one very similar in design, but green and purple in color. six pence in value, and on it the words "Too Late." Barker examined the stamps and read the inscriptions. "Too late," said he, "What is the object of that?" Barker is of an inquiring mind, and often asks questions in regard to my hobby that a ten year old collector would consider as beneath answering, and I find it hard not to snub him; but on the present occasion he had hit on a subject I was willing to dilate on.

"This letter has quite a history," said I. He expected a yarn, and looked resigned. "All right," said he, "expectorate it out, old fellow; only don't make it too fishy, and cut it short, too, for I've got to be up at the office at twelve, you know." It was only eight o'clock in the evening and I felt aggrieved at his hint at my long-windedness, for everybody knows when I have anything to say I get at it at once; but I forgave him this time, and began:

"You notice the address on the envelope,—'Mrs. Frances Denham, —— Street, London, E. C., England.' In the early fifties there lived on that particular street in London, in one of the most respectable quarters, the lady whose name appears here—a widow with one son, now a man. The Denhams were well-to-do, and had many friends; but a cloud hung over their house. Coming of a family never noted for strong lungs, Mrs. Denham had, as often happens, escaped the full force of the inheritance; but a constant fear of it had developed in her a very nervous character and her family physician often shook his head after his periodical visits and made a remark to himself about 'heart disease, some day.' The dreadful inheritance, doubtful in the second generation, had seemed to have utterly died out in the third, for young Walter Denham, the only son, had been, up to his twenty-second year, a healthy although not a strong youth. But in his twenty-third year symptoms began to appear which the anxious mother did not like, and an opportunity offering, and the doctor advising, it was thought best he should escape for a while from the fogs of London and 'rough it' in Australia. His mother, being naturally timid, was persuaded by friends not to accompany him. So early in the year 1853 the son took a tearful parting, and sailed for the Southern Seas. Is is not necessary to follow his career for the next two years. The healthful climate of inland Victoria, and his rough experience on a great sheep farm, brought out all the laten energy in him, which in England would have been lost to the world. He became tall, strong and bronzed by exposure, and if his mother's old physician could have seen him, he would not have required to sound his chest in order to pronounce a verdict of "good for three-score and ten, at least."

In the fall of '54 the gold fever first struck him. It was rather curious that it had not earlier, but it is perhaps accounted for in that he was ranching nearer the mines at that time. So he went to the mines and went to work among the strange conglomeration o. nations that had been attracted to this region. Those were rough times in the early mining days, and many a man who after months of toil had accumulated a little pile of the precious stuff, and started to return to civilization where it would do him some good, had been found dead by the wayside with a knife in his breast, or never heard from again. But Walter Denham was of the stuff all true Englishmen are made of and felt fully able to take care of himself. He had good luck from the first, and at the end of five months made such a stroke that he decided he had enough of mining and began to think of returning to England. During his life in the mines he had held himself aloof from the other men, and as the claim he worked was at a distance from the others, and he made a confidant of no one, the fact that he had struck it rich was not known, and when he set out for Melbourne it was supposed he had become discouraged with the mines. An old miner who had served his first apprenticechip to the business in California in '49, and there become imbued with the wandering spirit which led him to Australia, accompanied him. This old Californian, making use of his experience in America, had rapidly acquired a fortune in the mines of Victoria, and now the wandering instinct had seized him once more and he wanted to see California again. So these two set out on the long journey to Melbourne alone; but it was not such a very lonesome one, as they were constantly meeting or passing parties going to or from the mines. The two men separated when about half way, as Denham wished to make a more circuitous route. He arrived in Melbourne on the first day of March, 1855. The next morning, as he stepped out of his lodgings, two officials placed their hands on his shoulders and gave him to understand he was their prisoner. Thoroughly surprised, he tried to find out the charge, but they were as silent on that point as mutes. It was not till two days had passed in the dark prison that he learned that the old miner with whom he had started from the mines had been found with a bullet hole in his skull near where they had parted, with all his gold missing. Denham now knew why it was the police had given the exclamation of satisfaction when they found his belt full of gold when they searched him. He looked thoughtful after he heard the charge. He knew he was not guilty, but he saw clearly how much the evidence was against him.

About four weeks later the case came on trial. He had an attorney that he had put in possession of the facts; but it was evident he did not half believe his client. Witnesses for the prosecution were not lack-

ing, having been hastily summoned from the mines. Here was the case: The murdered man had a large sum of money and had been last seen in his company, in fact it was known that they intended to go together to Melbourne. The man is found dead, and a large sum of gold is found on the prisoner, who had never been known to have any. One witness even swore that a pistol found near by the murdered man was the same one he had seen on Denham; but this did not have much weight with the jury, as cross-examination brought out the fact that Denham had once threatened the witness instant death if he did not give up some property he had stolen from him, and moreover, the deceased was known to carry a pistol of that calibre, and it was found near him. But the case was looking black for Denham, and he realized it. At last it went to the jury, and in fifteen minutes they returned, took their seats, and the foreman arose and said: "We find the prisoner guilty of murder, as charged." The sentence was hanging.

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In those days there was no appeal to any higher Court in the Colony or England, and, moreover, sentences were not long delayed. In about two months Walter Denham was to meet his fate. He could not demur at the course justice had taken, for he saw that the evidence had all been against him. The powerful hand of fate had drawn the circumstances tightly around him. He knew there was no chance to escape, and finally resigned himself. One thing caused him more emotion than any thought of the pain or shame of the terrible death he was to meet—the thought of the effect on his mother. How could he break the news to her? He was all she had left to love in the world, and the shock would be terrible to her. But he must write to her and tell her all about it. She would believe him innocent, he knew, and that would be a comfort to both. The painful duty was at last performed and the letter sealed and mailed in time for the only steamer that sailed before his execution. Then his thoughts were busied in the manner which all men's must be with death facing them. Thoughts of all his past life, thoughts of the life which he would soon know of, and internal ragings at the helplessness of his condition. Two or three days later the jailer opened his cell and admitted the lawyer who had defended him and several other men, who all appeared excited. The lawyer addressed him: "You are free. Only a few technicalities, and you can continue your journey homeward. I congratulate you on your narrow escape." Denham, thoroughly surprised, asked what had occurred, and was told that a man brought in that morning, mortally stabbed in a quarrel, had confessed the murder of the Californian for his money, and his statement had been corroborated by finding the money on his person. Denham was free. Can you imagine a man who had resigned himself to death, suddenly reprieved? It was like rising from the grave. In his imagination he had been already buried and forgotten.

But in the joy of his deliverance a thought suddenly came to him of the letter he had mailed. He knew the steamer had not sailed yet, and he could yet repair the damage it might do. So he dashed off another letter and rushed down to the post office. The clerk said that the regular mail had closed, but by paying an extra fee of six pence it could yet be sent by a special messenger. So he willingly paid the fee, and registered it besides that there could be no chance of its miscarriage. So the letter, this letter with the regular postage, the registered and the "Too Late" stamp, was sent by a special carrier to the steamer, which sailed that night with both letters on board. We will take passage, too, as we have staid long enough in Australia.

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"The steamer comes in to-day; I hope I shall get a letter from Walter," Mrs. Denham was saying to herself. She looked paler than she did two years before. The good old doctor used to shake his head in a still graver manner.

The postman's whistle that evening brought Mrs. Denham to the door to meet him. Yes, there was a letter, and from him. He did not look at the stamp as you and I would. She knew every curve of the hand-writing. A hundred other letters could not have pleased her as this one did. In the privacy of her room she read it. It is well that its curtains can shut out the anguish. When the servant knocked at her mistress' door at her usual hour for retiring that night, she got no response, so after a few moments' pause she entered. Her mistress was lying white and motionless on the floor in the moonlight.

The physician was summoned, but the heart had beat its last stroke. "Heart disease, caused by a sudden shock," said he, and his eyes caught sight of the letter, which lay at one side. He picked it up and read it. His long friendship for the family warranted it. He cleared his throat when he was through reading. "The young fool," said he, "why didn't he write to me and let me break the news?" Then he coughed and muttered, "Sad case, very sad case." The next morning the doctor called at the house to offer his services, and as he entered the postman stopped. He had a registered letter. The doctor said, "Let me see it," and then explained the bereavement in the house, and said he would sign it, which the man allowed, as he knew him well. The doctor had noticed it was from Melbourne, and he did not hesitate to break the seal and read. There was a moisture on his spectacles when he was done. All he said was, "Very sad case."

The letter, true to its motto, had arrived *too late*.

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"Very interesting," said Barker, as I finished; "but how do you account for the two letters not arriving at the same time?" "The letter that arrived too late was registered, and had to be entered on the books both at Liverpool and London post offices, and so was not delivered until one mail later. You will find," said I, "that it always takes a registered letter longer to go than an ordinary one." "Yes," said he, "I have noticed it; but," looking at his watch, "I must go now. I shall have to postpone listening to the history of your other stamps until another time. Good night."

A WELL FILLED POSTAL CARD.—At the Dusseldorf exibition a few years ago a gentlemen showed a postal card upon which the whole of the first three books of the Odyssey were written, the remaining space being filled with the transcript of a long debate which had taken place in the German parliament a short time before. The whole card contained 33,000 words.—*Boston Commonwealth.*

Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co. should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free upon application by addressing above firm at 925 LaSalle street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

TOO ZEALOUS BY FAR.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

THE United States Government authorities have waged a war on every philatelic publisher who has been using cuts of United States stamps, or coins. Even the parts of stamps and stamped envelopes which were once used to distinguish die varieties, and appeared in old editions of Standard catalogues, are no longer permissible.

Every imitation, from a half-tone plate to a wood-cut, has been suppressed, yet the public press, the large metropolitan dailies, are free to use anything in the way of an imitation of United States coins or stamps that they may see fit.

When the new Columbian issue was put upon the market, our philatelic journals could only give a description of them, their colors, the scenes depicted, etc., while the New York and Chicago dailies illustrated each one of the types, and so far as I know were not interfered with by the government officials.

This government of ours seems to ignore the services rendered to it by philatelists, who might be aptly termed the watch-dogs of the postal service, just as Senator Sherman is called "The Watch-dog of the Treasury."

Philatelists have been the means of protecting the government against counterfeit issues; they have ever been on the alert towards the elevation and betterment of the United States postal service. Yet we have exemplified the old saying that "republics are ungrateful."

The United States government, through the customs branch of its service, has compelled philatelists to pay a duty on importations of cancelled stamps which should have been admitted free of duty under the existing tariff laws; because the same are not produced here, and the tariff levied thereon can in no wise protect home labor; because these cancelled postal issues, the products of foreign labor, in no wise serve to antagonize home productions, or lessen the wages of home labor.

The United States, through its revenue service, has seized all cuts used in illustrating catalogues of dealers, and in various other ways shown its enmity to the stamp collecting fraternity. We do not think the government itself is wholly responsible for these indignities, but that it is the work of petty officers who by these manoeuvres hope to gain recognition of their untiring (?) devotion to governmental work.

We feel that they are too zealous by far, when they pounce upon small fry, and leave the large and powerful newspapers to do just that which they prohibit us to do. If the use of cuts to illustrate the stamps and coins of our glorious commonwealth is contrary to law, and future productions of this kind are prohibited, and past productions are seized and destroyed, it is but fair that the mighty corporations controlling the daily newspapers should forfeit their right to produce illustrations, as well as the insignificant stamp vendor, whose use of them would not be half as public nor gain near such a wide circulation as the daily newspaper gives.

Only last evening I noted a descriptive article of the new Isabella quarter-dollar of the United States, which gave a true illustration of the obverse and reverse of this coinage. The article appeared in a leading St. Louis paper, and there was no more stir over it than if it had been a cut of a Confederate bill, or a bit of continental scrip. The St. Louis daily is unmolested, yet a San Francisco dealer is visited by a government official and all his coin cuts of United States issues are confiscated.

Any manufacturing firm, an opera company, in fact any large corporation that sees fit to present in an advertising souvenir a representation, in the proper colors of a United States stamp, or a postal card, are unmolested, while a petty stamp dealer is "drawn over the coals"

I trust the time is not far off when our government will awake to the fact that they have powerful allies in postal reform in the philatelic fraternity, and if they do not grant us especial favors will at least give us the same privileges that are accorded to others.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

BY T. G. SUTHERLAND.

ONE of the most pleasing methods of adding to one's collection, and at the same time obtaining a large number of duplicates, is by exchanging with collectors in foreign countries. Having considerable experience in that line, I give a few rules and suggestions for carrying it out successfully. If you look into the columns of any good philatelic journal, such as the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, *Philatelic Journal of America*, etc., you will probably find enough exchange notices from collectors all over the world to keep you engaged for some time in answering. It also pays to insert a notice of your own occasionally. In an American paper a correspondent says that he has always been swindled when he tried foreign exchange correspondents, and advises collectors to exchange with persons as near home as possible, as they will get their returns much sooner, and will be better satisfied in every way. My experience has been quite the reverse. I have only been swindled in one instance, and I think that it is a pretty good guarantee of the honesty of foreign collectors; as I have done a great deal of exchanging. I append a few rules which may prove useful to you when sending stamps to foreign collectors for exchange.

1. Never send stamps to anyone who promises to give you twice as much as you send, or something of that nature, unless you are sure of his reliability. He is very apt to be a fraud; as a rule it is only safe to exchange with such collectors or dealers that will give you the same quantity and quality in exchange.

2. Don't send too many of the commoner class of stamps, but send as good an assortment as possible. It aggravates a collector to receive a worthless lot of common stamps. Never send common stamps to a dealer unless he so requests.

3. Always employ enough postage on your letters; a double postage is charged the party receiving the letter for any deficiency which exists Write your letter on thin paper, confining yourself to one sheet if possible. Use a stamped envelope if you can get it, or the better class of adhesives.

4. If you have special wants in any countries, let your correspondent know them. He will generally oblige you by either getting the stamps for you, or telling you where you can obtain them. Foreign collectors are generally very obliging.

5. Never try to cheat your correspondents. It is as mean as it is wrong, of all things be honest.

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EDITORIAL.

Vol. III. We start our third volume with this issue, and with excellent prospects, as we have an excellent past to look back upon. We cannot complain in any way of the liberal support the philatelic public have given us,—far beyond our greatest expectations,—for which we thank our patrons heartily. We must admit we have not had the magazine up to the desired standard in the past, but henceforth we lay claim to the honor of being the best 25 cent philatelic paper published, and shall amply verify our claims, and the opinions of our patrons we believe will support us. A few words as to our intentions. We do not believe in asking $3 a year for a magazine, and illustrating the stamps in original colors; we deem it better to use plain black ink, pure and simple; charge 25 cents for our paper, and give equally as good reading matter as is given by some journals whose subscription prices are much in excess of our own. The leading feature of this magazine during the next twelve months will be our work on "The Postage Stamps of the U. S.," which will contain superior half-tone illustrations of all varieties of U. S. postage stamps. We had expected these cuts for this issue, and held it back in consequence, but failed to get them in time for this month's paper. The first installment will appear next month, and thereafter regularly till completion. The portraits of prominent dealers and collectors will appear monthly. The series of papers on Counterfeit Stamps will be continued monthly. Besides this, we have a first-class assortment of articles on various subjects by the best writers. We will, during the present volume, give our readers the best class of reading matter ever given by a publication at our subscription price. If you are not a subscriber, we feel confident we can please you.

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California Philatelic Press Club. Some aspiring philatelists of the Pacific slope recently met in San Francisco, and formed what is known as the California Philatelic Press Club, their main object being to elevate the standard of philatelic literature—to purify it, as it were. We do hope they will not fall short of their aim,—for should they be able to do away with many of these small, worthless papers, we would admit their career had not been in vain. The Club is, however, not content to endeavor to reduce the quantity and improve the quality of our papers, but, on the other hand, seem determined to increase the quantity. They now announce that *The Philatelic Californian* will appear on October 1st, and will fill a long felt want. We all know that! The business manager is Mr. O. L Blackman, 2520 Sutler St., San Francisco, Cal. While from the announcement we gather the information that it will be a high-class magazine; yet we believe if the Press Club would use their talent and influence in improving the magazines we already have, it might be productive of more good. The fact of the matter is, there are far too many papers at present, no ones denies that, and if fewer philatelists would take this method of accuring (?) fortune and fame, it would be the means of giving more support to the publishers of our older journals, and enable them to raise their standard to such an extent that we could not view them without feelings of pride.

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Regarding Mr. Hooper. Our readers are all doubtless aware of the grave charge that has been brought against Mr. J. R Hooper, the President of the P S. of C., and one of the leading Canadian collectors. His portrait and biography appeared in *The Canadian Philatelist* of Feb., 1892. Mr. Hooper declares his innocence of the serious charge, and expects to be fully and honorably acquitted. We sincerely trust that such may be the case. As yet the government have secured no *direct* evidence to the end that he was responsible for his wife's death.

Mr. Hooper's Appeal. Mr. H. F. Mooers sends us the following:—"Members of the P. S. of C. and others have no doubt heard of the calamity that has befallen our President, Mr. J. R. Hooper, who is confined at Joliette, Que., with a grave charge against him, and who is lacking in the means necessary to give him a fair trial. Now, will all those who feel as if they could help him a little in this case, kindly send in the amount, however small, to H. F. Mooers, of Kingston, who will forward it to the above."

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Lewis Bishop, Etc. A. B. Quickley, alias A. Burmeister, alias Horace Stone, alias John J. Morgan, alias Lewis Bishop, has again added additional proof to his character of Philalely's greatest swindler. He has caused collectors and dealers more loss than any other philatelic *black sheep* known. It is said his swindling operations, under the name of Lewis Bishop, were the most extensive he has yet attempted. He is again at liberty, and it is not unlikely his next schemes will be on a still more extensive plan. A dozen (more or less) detectives (amateur and otherwise) are on his track, and all expect to capture him, which fact speaks well for his chance of escape. We, ourselves, are more fortunate than most of his correspondents, for we find we owe him a small amount, and if he will present himself at our office, with proper proof of his identity, we shall be pleased to settle our account.

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Among the Societies. At their recent convention, the Canadian Philatelic Association chose *The Canadian Journal of Philately* for their official organ. They better had retained the *Dominion Philatelist*, as the last number of the *C. J. of P.* that has appeared, up to the present, is that of July. An official organ should be prompt. Whatever else may be said about the *Dominion Philatelist*, it is one of our promptest exchanges. London, England, has at last formed a stamp club, which fills a long-felt want, not being so exclusive and aristocratic in its membership as "ye old time" Philatelic Society of London. It starts with a good membership, some of the foremost London dealers and collectors among its supporters, and will, in all probability, be a great success and fulfil its end. Great Britain does not, as a rule, copy from or follow the agitation of Americans. A year or so ago we had a great deal of talk here respecting the amalgamation of our philatelic societies, and nothing came of it. Great Britain evidently believes she can do better, as we notice the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* has started an agitation on foot to secure the amalgamation of all the small English Philatelic Societies and stamp clubs with the International Philatelic Union, one of the leading philatelic societies of England. We cannot tell what measure of success they will attain, but our candid opinion is that, as we philatelists are not all "birds of a feather" in many respects, we, therefore, do not seem to flock together, although union might prove advantageous. Regarding the Chicago Convention, nothing need be said; the results are known by all, and we are a little too late to allow of discussion.

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The Press. Several new papers are announced from Canada — one by Mr. Wm. Campbell, of Brooklin, Ontario. The *International Philatelist*, formerly published by Geo. A. Lowe, of Toronto, has passed into the hands of Henry A. Fowler, and the first number after the change is certainly a creditable one. *The Philatelist* ceased publication when Lewis Bishop left Denver for parts unknown! The *Philatelic Era*, since its *debut* as a semi-monthly, comes around as regular and as promptly as clock-work. We cannot but notice the decided improvement in *The Philatelic Journal of America* during the last two months. Henry Gremmel's *Post Office* is 500% better than formerly. The editor of *The Southern Philatelist* is still aspiring to be a Mark Twain in his own quaint way. Mr. Percy Bishop has retired from the editorial chair of the *Philatelic Review of Reviews*. Alvah Davidson has resumed the duties of editor of *The Post Office*.

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Our Subscription List. Our subscription list is not nearly so large as it should be. We are well aware that many of our patrons are interested in the success of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, to such an extent that they would not object to assist us in the matter of securing subscriptions. We have therefore decided to offer any person who will secure us the subscriptions of four of their friends, and forward same, together with $1, we will send the paper one year to each of the names sent, and also send you the paper one year for your trouble. If you are already a subscriber, you may have your subscription extended a year, or have the paper sent to some friend. Take advantage of this offer.

Stamps for Collectors.

One of the best editorials we have seen for some time past on the matter of surcharged stamps is that which appeared in the *Philatelic Record*, of Oct., 1893. As the editorial is one of interest, and may prove acceptable to our readers, we have taken the liberty of quoting it entire: "We believe that to Louis XIV. must be attributed the origin of the phrase 'a nation of shopkeepers,' which that magnificent sovereign applied to the Dutch, and which was subsequently borrowed by Napoleon I., and used as a complimentary description of the British nation. The shopkeeping, however, does not seem at present to be confined either to Holland or Great Britain, for its principals appear in many countries to invade some of the business of the state itself. The administration of the post office is supposed to occupy itself solely and exclusively with the transaction of social and commercial business for the benefit of the community, but of late, in very many cases, it has started a fresh line, that of manufacturing postage stamps, not for the benefit of the community, but for sale to stamp collectors; and the qualifications of a Postmaster General appear, in many cases, to be considered in the eyes of his superiors as weighed, not so much by his successful administration of his office, as by how much he is able to make in the way of profit. We are aware that in some countries the post office does not pay its way, and that there is a deficiency which has to be met out of other sources of revenue; but that is no excuse for taxing collectors to make up the deficiency, though this appears now to be the ruling idea with certain postal administrations. From the great republic of the United States down to the principality of Montenegro, and at the insignificant station of Nossi-Bi there is the same readiness to accommodate collectors and provide them with palatable food. Not long since, the Governors of the French Colonies ordinarily prefaced their decrees by lamenting the non-arrival of supplies of stamps of a certain value, say 1 centime and that it was only on account of their anxious desire for the public convenience that they were induced to order a certain number of stamps of 1 franc, to be transformed into stamps of 1 centime. Speculators knew how many there were that had been so treated, and bought the lots up. We lately, however, saw a decree of the Governor of a small colony, who, we suppose, considered this joke about the public wants had become rather stale, and who had the honesty to say that he had ordered the stock in hand to be over printed in order to get rid of it, and so the old stamps were furbished up with new trimmings. But this was honest and honestly done to assist collectors in filling up their albums. To look, however, nearer home, what an extraordinary number of 2 cent rose, of the Straits Settlements must be found in the collections of those who have been diligent enough to collect all varieties of overprint and surcharge which that unfortunate stamp has been subjected to. In some cases it appeared to be hopeless, unless the collector took the whole sheet of 60. The Indian Native States that have issued postage stamps are an example of another kind. What a first-rate trade the post office of Her Highness Nawab Shahjihan Begam, of Bhopal, must have carried on, for which H. H. is much indebted to the engraver, who could not spell correctly, twenty times running; while in Sirmoor, the postmaster has been so tormented by collectors, that it appears he has been obliged to have the stamp of 1879 imitated, not from an original, but from an imperfect wood engraving, which first appeared in the *Timbre Post* for August, 1879. This state of things is anything but an agreeable one to collectors who desire to collect postage stamps, and not those made specially for them. They find their gems smothered in a heap of rubbish. The late Mr. Tapling never did a wiser thing than when he drew a line and would have none of the modern stuff, concentrating his energies on collecting stamps made for use, and not manufactured or dressed up for sale to collectors. We do not quarrel with states surcharging their stamps, when an alteration in the rate of postage either finds them without the value required, or with small states, which have a stock on hand that would otherwise become useless, because these latter cannot probably be able to put up with the loss consequent on destroying it. These are legitimate, but it is with the manufacture of the overprints and surcharges, that have no earthly purpose except to get rid of the stock to collectors, that we are at war. For instance, we recently chronicled a post card of Portugal, overprinted with 'Valido, 1893.' The card has never been demonetized, and was available for postage purposes before the overprint, and yet they must gild the gold. The Portuguese Government appears to have been in such a hurry to get money somehow that they issued values of the new series long before the old stock was exhausted, and now, in order to make the old stock saleable, they dress it up with all the talent a French cook could have displayed, instead of making a clean sweep of the whole lot. We always exclaimed against the mistake that our Government made when they allowed the old stock of Inland Revenue stamps to be used for postage purposes. The innocent framers of the clause, in the Act of 1881, had only the small Inland Revenue stamp in view, and little thought what a lot of old ones would be rummaged out to the bewilderment of the stampers, who, in despair, stamped anything and everything, for the draft and receipt stamps of 1853 and 1855 were not available for postage under the terms of the Act—*Philatelic Record*, Vol. 5, page 169. But the framers of the notice to the public, who possibly are the authors of that blind guide called *The Postal Guide*, in their omniscience, thought to

improve upon the phraseology of the Provisions Act, and opened the door to the admission of stamps, the use of which had not been contemplated by it. If our readers have determined to collect stamps overprinted for their special benefit, let them, at any rate, see that they have genuine specimens. Every day we read of unauthentic surcharges and overprints. We have written these few words, not with a view of deterring our readers from collecting legitimate surcharged stamps, but to relieve our minds of the indignation we feel, in common with them, at the growing system of turning the Post Office into a trading shop, in which it looks to them for custom."

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Our Christmas Number. We shall issue a special Christmas Edition of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST, on or before December the 15th. This will be the largest number that we have yet issued, and will consist of about 50 pages, besides several very fine supplements. We shall issue 10,000 copies of this number, and advertisers desiring space should notify us at once. There will be no advance upon the regular advertising rates.

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Regarding the New Catalogues. We are thankful that there is at last going to be a keen competition for the first place for the Standard Catalogue, which will be used by collectors of this continent. It is resulting in many much-needed additions being placed therein. We notice, that in addition to their previous field, the forthcoming catalogues will price Mexican and Canadian Revenues, and contain a complete catalogue of post cards. The catalogues of both Mekeel and Scott will be issued in a pocket edition. As to which catalogue will be best we cannot say, but at any rate we may reasonably expect a high-class work from both of the firms referred to. The catalogues are almost ready, and we expect to review the same at an early date.

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Our Illustrated U. S. Catalogue. As will be seen from the announcement on the last page of cover, our illustrated catalogue of U. S. Stamps is now ready for delivery. This much talked of work is, we believe, the most needed work of our entire series of hand-books, and should have a very large sale. The paper used is the very best obtainable, and half tone cuts used are considered the very finest workmanship that it is possible to secure. The book is about ready at the time that this number is issued, and will be ready for mailing by the time the orders reach us. Only 2000 copies were issued, and as the demand for the book will be very great, parties desiring a copy of the work would do well to order at once, thus avoiding disappointment. For further information, we refer to the last page of cover.

R. E. Pentecost, of Aurora, Ill. We desire to warn our readers against one, R. E. Pentecost, of Aurora, Ill., who has been securing stamps from dealers, for which the only settlement he makes is his thanks and a promise to return in a few days. After writing him several times, we had all of our letters—excepting the one containing the stamps—returned marked "uncalled for." We have lost a considerably quantity of rare U. S. by this party, and other dealers have informed us that they have suffered likewise. We should be pleased to enter into correspondence with dealers or collectors who have been swindled by this party.

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Albrecht & Co's 16th Sale. We have before us the catalogue of a fine lot of stamps, which Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co., 90 Nassau-St., N Y., are offering in their 16th sale, which will be held on the evening of Tuesday and Wednesday, 21st and 22nd. The stamps offered include some exceptionally fine U. S. and Mexican stamps. We believe that, without exception, the stamps are listed in their catalogues more accurately than by any other firm that holds auction sales.

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Right of Possession. The Post Office Department, at Washington, has ruled that the writer has a right to gain possession of a letter, providing he can prove, to the satisfaction of the postmaster at the office from which it is sent, that he was the writer of it. Even if the letter has arrived at its destination, and before it has been delivered to the person to whom it is addressed, it may be recalled by the writer by a telegram through the mailing office. The reason assigned is that the U. S. is only the agent of the writer while the letter is in transit. This decision is important to business men and to private individuals.

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Queensland Philatelic Society. A meeting of Philatelists was held in Mackay, North Queensland, on Saturday, August 26th, as a result of which we have the formation of The North Queensland Philatelic Society, which has the following objects in view: 1—To facilitate the interchange of stamps, and open communication with various parts of the world. 2—To assist members in detecting forgeries, new issues, varieties, etc. 3—To promote friendly intercourse between philatelists in North Queensland. 4—To form Branch Committees of philatelists throughout North Queensland. Some twenty members were enrolled at the first meeting, and officers, and a committee of three, to hold office until first annual meeting in January next, were appointed as follows: Patron, Hon. W. H. Wilson, M. L. C., Postmaster General; President, J. V. Chataway, M. L. A., Vice-President; A. Ulcoq, Esq., Manager Queensland National Bank; Hon.

Secretary and Treasurer, T. Brand; Committee, F. Black, T. D. Chataway, F. Myddleton. The dues were fixed at 6s. per annum, which money will be devoted to the purchasing of philatelic literature, and cost of postage and stationary. This Society has inaugurated what we believe to be a new system of managing the Exchange department. Members placing their exchange in the hands of the Central Committee will be credited with their value (according to Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue) in a ledger to be kept for that purpose, and from the stamps ordered in bulk or collected, such members will be entitled to stamps to the full amount of their credit. By this means it is anticipated that members will get better value for their exchanges than if they dealt separately direct with individuals in small amounts. Collectors desiring further information may obtain it by writing to the Secretary who resides in Mackay, North Queensland.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be answered in the following number.]

H. W. H., Corydon, England.—Accept our thanks for clippings.

Quebec, Canada, August 24th 1893.

Dear Sir.—At the Sixth Annual Convention of the "Canadian Philatelic Association," held in this city on the 23rd instant, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:— President, Ernest F. Würtele, Quebec, Que., re-elected; Vice-President, W. Kelsey Hall, Peterboro, Ont.; Sec-Treas., T. S. Clark, Belleville, re-elected; Ex Supt., C. C. Morency, Quebec, Que.; Librarian, A. E. Labelle, Montreal, re-elected; C. Detector, Henry Ades Fowler, Toronto, Ont; Trustees, Dr. C. E. Cameron, Montreal, Chairman, J. E. Schultze, Montreal, W. Patterson, Montreal. Official Organ, *The Canadian Journal of Philately.*

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THE FUTURE U. S. POSTAL CARD.—Postmaster-General Bissell has decided to abandon the three sizes of postal cards now in use and to substitute one size for single and reply cards. The specifications which have been sent to prospective bidders for the contract for furnishing the postal service with cards for the next four years call for single cards of the uniform size of 3½ by 5½ inches. This is what is known as the international size.

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

The Duke of Cambridge is the only member of the English royal family who does not pay letter postage, he being exempted on account of his military rank as commander-in chief.

An estimate of the extent and value of the existing postage stamp collections, based largely on the showing of a census taken for the purpose, places those existing in England at a total market value of £125,000, and those in the rest of the world at £100,000.

1st Collector—"What are you putting all those blank pages into your album for? Locals and revenues?"

2nd Collector—"No, these are for my varieties of Columbian envelopes, cut square."

1st Collector—"Oh! that's it, I've bought me a new blank album for them."

IT is stated that a special department in the Hamburg Stock Exchange is devoted to transactions in the Columbian stamps which were issued by the United States Post Office for this year only. The stamps are exquisite productions; but to carry on bull and bear transactions in them is introducing philately into finance with a vengeance. Still, the craze provides innocent amusement for a not too innocent class, and it might be a pity to stamp it out.

A Mayville, N Y., lawyer, in search of a missing heir, became satisfied at last that the man he wanted was somewhere in Canada, but not knowing where, addressed a letter to him at every post office in Ontario and Quebec—nearly 1690 of them in all. One of the letters reached the addressed, and, as his inheritance was more than $100,000, he probably won't object to the item, "Postage, $92," in the lawyer's little bill.

A SEALED LETTER IS SACRED.—"The sanctity of a sealed letter is so well secured in this country," said Mr. Nash, the superintendent of the railroad mail service, "that if a letter were received at the city post office in Washington, or at any other post office in the country, that was absolutely known to contain the evidence of fraud, the proof of the improper use of the mails, the postmaster general himself would not dare to break the seal. A letter passing through the mails cannot be opened by anybody until it reaches the dead letter office, after every effort has been made to deliver it in vain."

The man who introduced the first cancelling machine in the New York general post-office is employed there now, but he has lived to see his machine surpassed. His invention would cancel 4000 stamps in an hour, or less than the average number for a skilled man working by hand. Three or four other machines, each a little faster than its predecestor, were introduced in turn and discarded. One was invented that far exceeded the speed of the swiftest hand worker, and it was used until the discovery was made that it sometimes cut through envelopes and damaged their contents. Then the present machine, which cancels 48,000 stamps an hour, was introduced.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

BY WHIRLS FARE.

Messrs R. F. Albrecht & Co. will hold their 17th auction sale on the 14th and 15th of December.

We are all anxiously awaiting Scott's new catalogue. whether it will appear this year is a matter of conjecture.

A good step among publishers to keep frauds from their papers is that of making their advertising rates strictly in advance. No reliable dealer should object to pay in this way.

The firm of W. Sellschopp & Co. has been dissolved, Mr. Gesvret retiring; Mr. Sellschopp will continue the business under the old firm name.

I hear that Mr. R. Bogert failed to sell the famous New Haven envelope, owing to the high price demanded by the owner.

The Philatelic Argosy, of Buffalo N.Y., has become the *People's Argosy*, and is now devoted to the interests of young people.

The foremost question among philatelists is at present, whether the Government will sell "*specimen*" sets of the Columbian issue, next year.

I noticed that a certain U. S. stamp paper is criticising the small dealers rather severely. "Despise not the day of small things."

Nassau St., New York, still retains its reputation of being the stamp centre of America. Two new firms have opened up there recently.

It looks as if the *Canadian Journal of Philately* had given up the ghost. Although a subscriber to that paper, I have received no number since July.

It is reported that the Columbian post cards are now selling at $1.00 for ten cards. Those who visited the fair will remember that these cards could be had at 30 cents per set.

If ye scribe has made any wishes lately, his principal wish has been, that he might have attended the Martindale sale, recently held in Philadelphia. I believe that those who attended are none the poorer from the results of their purchases.

The well known Philatelic writer, Guy W. Greene, is again winning fame as an athlete at the second annual field day of the Stromsburg athletic club. Mr. Greene won first prize in eleven events, and came in second in two others.

It is said that at the coming session of the Canadian Parliament a bill will be introduced to lower the rate of postage to two cents. The general opinion is that nothing will result from it, as the Parliament has already rejected similar bills.

That bright little sheet the *Weekly Philatelist* has entered into its second volume. Notwithstanding this a certain St. Louis Weekly is still claiming to be the only weekly philatelic paper in the world. This should not be, it is nothing more or less than deception.

We see by the *Philatelic Era* that Mr. W. M. Campbell of Brooklin, Ont., advertises a new Philatelic paper, the first number of which will have a circulation of 10,000 copies, in which advertisements will be free. I should judge that this would suit many of the small dealers.

Some collectors seem to object to the publishing of philatelic stories or tales. I can see nothing objectable in these if they are not fairy tales and are within the limit of reason. A good tale well told adds flavor to a paper.

The new issue for the Hawaiian Islands, which will appear next year, will be an interesting one, such as these islands generally present us with (barring surcharges). The sets consists of five denominations: The one cent will be oblong in shape, yellow in color, and for design will have the Hawaiian coat of arms; the two cent is of the same shape, and illustrates the harbor of Honolulu, and is sepia in color; the five cent will be dark red in color, and about the same size as the current issue, and for design will have the Kamelvameha Statue; the ten cent denomination will be green in color, and bears an illustration of palm trees, sugar cane, etc.; the twenty five cent is a little smaller than the previous denominations, and bears the head of President Dole in an oval. This last stamp is blue in color.

ALVAH DAVIDSON.

WE take pleasure in presenting to our readers this month the portrait of Mr. Alvah Davidson, a prominent New York Philatelist. Mr. Davidson possesses a very fine collection, and takes a very keen interest in all matters pertaining to stamps. He has always taken an active interest in the American Philatelic Association, and through his efforts to secure the amalgamation of the smaller societies with that body, he is well known to society members. He has, for some time past, occupied the editorial chair of the *Post Office*, which capacity he has ably filled. He is an occasional contributor to our philatelic papers. Our portrait of Mr. Davidson is not the latest, as we are informed that, during the last week or two, he has acquired what may be termed the beginning of a full-fledged beard.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

PHILATELY.

BY CHAS. E. JENNEY.

'Tis now the winter eves draw near,
And may they bring to all good cheer;
For though the winds blow bleak and cold,
They will but make our hearts more bold;
In ice and snow you e'er can trace
The footsteps of a hardy race;
Where Jack Frost's banner is unfurled,
There flows the blood that rules the world.
'Tis now each day of honest work
Earns well, for him who does not shirk,
The cheer and mirth of fireside glow,
When all without is sleet and snow;
Not that the dipping western sun
Should put an end to outdoor fun;
For Luna casts her silvery sheen
On many a lively, jovial scene;
Where merry laughs with sleigh-bells ring;
Where coasters on the hillside sing
The cry of warning—"Clear the way!"
Drop on their sleds, and dart away;
Where on the ice the skater feels
The keen delight of glittering steels.
But nights there come when wind and sleet
Upon the roof and windows beat,
And cold north wind howls, shrieks, and roars,
When man seeks comfort within doors,
With music—games, some while the hours
Defying Nature's fiercest powers:
Of all the pleasant scenes I see,
Before me in my reverie,
Is one that every home will know,
Where stamp collectors come and go;
A room well lit by lamps and fire,
With all the comforts we require;
And sitting by the friendly blaze,
Two stamp collectors friendly gaze
Upon their albums' checkered page,
On rarities of every stage;
A table sits beside the two,
On which the ancient pot of glue,
By hinges gummed is now replaced,
A credit to our later taste;
A glass of water, blotting pad,
Pencil and paper for each lad,
Scissors to trim their envelopes,
Some stamps, a pair of microscopes;
A catalogue, price lists a few,
A stamp paper, and more stamps too;
In answer to the postman's ring,
Two fat stamp letters in they bring;
A packet and some sheets they hold,
And what a pleasure they unfold!
With careful glance each sheet is scanned
For stamps that spaces blank demand.
The packets also are looked through;
They compare stamps, then trade a few;
Until the evening is well spent,
Over their albums they are bent.
The pleasant evening that has passed
No shadow of regret can cast.
If you want moral, moral take;
If boys would stamp collectors make,
Why let them; you will find it pays;
Your son will gain much by its grace.
No more at night the street he roams;
'Twill empty bar-rooms and make homes.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

WHO ARE PHILATELISTS?

BY O. E. KLAPP.

THE above question is one worthy of notice and consideration, although it is given very little attention or discussion by our prominent Philatelic writers. I see no reason why it should not be given its share by the Press, as few persons are able to comprehend what a philatelist is.

Real philatelists are rare, and when once seen it is not difficult to make his acquaintance. It it a true saying that "Philatelists are never found in knee pants," and are rarely found under age. A few exceptions to this may be found, and proper credit must be given, as the present young collectors are billed for the future philatelists. Our poets mostly are in their minority, and to these philatelists must honor and show signs of appreciation Only a few of our many prominent dealers from the great philatelic centres of New York, Chicago and St. Louis are under age; this is very easily determined by noticing their manner of doing business, their customs, etc.

A gentleman, knowing that I was a stamp dealer, and who was evidently very much taken up with his boy's new idea, walked up to me a short time ago and began talking about his son who had lately made up his mind to collect postage stamps. He said that his "Frankie" had lately taken to collecting stamps, and was very much pleased he had decided to be a philatelist. Upon asking him how long his son had been collecting, he hesitated, and said that he believed it was last spring when he commenced. I then asked him if he had a specialty, and how many varieties his collection contained "Oh!" he exclaimed, "Why, he isn't trying to get all the varieties, but only seeing how many he can gather together; I believe he is aiming at a million, however." I then explained to my friend that his son was merely a collector, and that he had no knowledge of philately—not even in its first stage. He at once became quite indignant, and before I could get out of hearing distance he made the atmosphere fairly *blue* with profanity; this, with his gymnastic gestures, showed signs of his great anger. However, I passed on out of his sight and left him talking to himself, only fearing that I had made an enemy by so nobly defending our hobby. But, thinking that the Supreme Being and all wise Father would forgive that one, who had become a bitter enemy by my defending such a cause, my mind at once became easier, and I do not now regret having spoken the words which I did on that occasion.

This is a class that are of little benefit to philately, and I have reasons for believing that it is those persons that are swelling the already large numbers of several of our national societies, more especially the one known as the "*Sons of Philatelia*" A "boy will be a boy," and he has no right to term himself a philatelist unless he has philatelic principles in him. Noah Webster is regarded by all as a man that had a great mind and a superior education, and it is justly right that every person should speak of him as such, as his works prove. But still he, in defining the word "Philatelist" failed to make it broad enough, and by his definition alone many young, and no doubt some aged ones, are led to the belief that they are and have the proper right to term themselves a philatelist. Those who are philatelists know that they have become such by no other way than by long study and earnest work. Thus we say that a philatelist is not merely a stamp collector or dealer, but one who has devoted his time and labor to that cause

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

TO THE "BEAVER" STAMP.

BY CHAS. E. JENNEY

'Tis a Canada five-cent—a "beaver,"
In the parlance of philatelists ;
Very common—worth 12 cents a dozen,
As you learn from the dealer's price list ;
But a dull, badly cancelled, red fiver,
Passed unnoticed 'mongst pence issues rare,
Yet it bears a Canadian emblem,
From its home, out abroad—everywhere.
And when all the old days shall have vanished,
And the present has faded to past,
And in history alone is recorded
Days and deeds which will memory outlast,
'Midst the curious antiques and relics,
In an album all faded and worn,
Comes to light this old Canada "beaver,"
Badly cancelled, and faded, and torn,
What a dream of past ages 'twill lead to,
How the mind of the future will gaze
On the frontier scenes of the New World,
Long ago in colonial days;
When the trapper kept long lonely vigils,
In a land of wild beasts and wild men,
When the woods stretched from ocean to ocean,
And the beavers infested each glen;
When the red men through virginal forests,
With light mocassin, stalked moose and deer,
And his wigwams were staked in the valleys,
With the fields of the golden maize near;
When the sons of the forest were pitted
With the bold pioneer in dread strife
And the frontier villages trembled
With the fear of the hatchet and knife.
How those days that are e'en now historic,
Men will thrill as the years onward tramp,
And the past can be changed into present,
By the sight of an old postage stamp.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

SOME PAGES IN MY ALBUM.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

QUITE often I take my album from its resting place, open wide its pages, and seek to interest some visitor who is not a collector of stamps. As I turn to my two or three triangular Good Hopes, or my early British Guianas, and tell them of their variety and worth, comparatively speaking, I note that my friends are but little interested, and so on through the pages replete with, to me, priceless treasures, yet my friends fail to catch my enthusiasm and seem listless and ill at ease. But I have at length reached Germany, and as I open the pages a complete set of the Alsace-Lorraine reprints appear before us. They happen to be in my album because a near and dear friend gave them to me, and I preserve them more for their associations than for their worth. But as these gaudy, bright-colored specimens fall under the notice of my friends, they fairly fly into a joyous flight of endearing adjectives and want to know if they are not "awfully costly and rare, etc."

It is with difficulty I curb my temper on such occasions, when I see my precious varieties thus passed over without a compliment, while those vile forgeries were lauded to the skies; and then my page of Heligolands, didn't they receive an ovation at the hands of my non-collecting friends. The diversity of colors, the very gaudiness of their appearance, seems to provoke compliments from the uninitiated. Then my array of Seebecks, Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, and all the rest, were commented upon, and one of my friends condescends to remark that if all stamps were like these emissions, he'd collect stamps himself. It is truly exasperating to see the true stamp, the worthy one, despised, while some vile usurper is given the palm of praise. But such is the cruel fate of the world, the worthy are passed unheedingly by, while the gaudy, counterfeit unreal personality is given all homage.

Of all my album, probably the only page of legitimate issues that receives a word of praise is that of Guatemala. I confess that these stamps always held a high place in my affections, and when I acquired my first specimen of this country, I thought it the prettiest thing I had ever seen in the stamp line. These stamps are worthy of our praises, for they are a truly legitimate issue, and no stain of speculation rests upon their emission or sale.

I feel that the Seebecks unless postally used are unworthy our regard, yet I have a set which is partially unused; but I am removing the unused and substituting the used as the latter are presented. Yet I have often felt that Seebecks and such were probably a blessing in disguise, for no doubt they, by their artistic merits, draw many to purchase them, and thus breed a desire for more and more until we have as the result a full-fledged collector.

Dealers have often told me that they sell more stamps of such countries as Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Salvador, Alsace-Lorraine, Samoa, Heligoland, Switzerland (1862-79), Spanish "baby kings", and Newfoundland ½ cents, in an unused condition, than any other stock on hand. And dealers in stamps, as in everything else, have learned that you must please the eye if you hope to reach the pocket-book. Taking all into consideration I do not know that my friends evince less sound judgment in connection with stamps than I did when I first gazed on a collection of stamps. I remember that a British North Borneo, and a Persian Official came in for the greater share of my praise. We were all such dunces one day, and I suppose that is one reason why I should keep my temper while hearing the praises of those Heligolands sung by my friends, who have as yet never tasted of the sweets dealt out by Philatelia to her worshippers.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be answered in the following number.]

Spring Valley, N. Y., Nov. 24th 1893.

MR. L. M. STÆBLER,

Dear Sir:—In regard to this R. E. Pentecost. He did not trade me for much, but he managed to swindle me nevertheless. He wrote offering to pay 7c. each for 25 1887 U. S. 3c. unused, giving as reference, A. W. Dunning, Cal.; W. F. Bishop (a snide) and State Senator Pentecost.. I sent stamps, and not hearing from him in 60 days wrote again, but letter was returned, unclaimed. The P. M. at Aurora, Ill., informed me, in reply to inquiry, that R. E. Pentecost had flown. Mr. Dunning informed me, that he was also loser to the amount of about $100.00. Such beats should be hauled up with a sharp turn.

Respectfully, E. C. REED.

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EDITORIAL.

An Apology. We must make an apology to our readers for lateness of our September, October, and November issues. The cause of the delay was Mr. Staebler's extended absence from home. The November number will be mailed a few days after this reaches you. Owing to our lateness, this number is a little smaller than usual.

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Fraud in the Air. There is strong evidence abroad that a swindle in Hawaiians is on the *tapis*. In relation to this matter, we quote the following from *The Philatelic Facts and Fallacies:* Not long ago a peculiar, and, at least, to a stamp collector rather suspicious, order was given to a large electrotyping firm in San Francisco. The order was accompanied by a small piece cut out of a Hawaiian surcharged stamp of the 2 cent rose, containing the full surcharge, and the firm was ordered to arrange an electrotype exactly like the black portion, that is, the surcharge on this bit of paper. The order was executed and the electrotype delivered to a large and very prominent lithographic concern in town. Our informant does not believe that the lithographic concern will make any mis-use of this electrotype, though he does not know what it will be used for. The name of the lithographer was carefully withheld. In all cases it will be advisable to buy Hawaiian surcharges only from reliable parties to make sure that the same are genuine. We shall endeavor to ascertain a little more about this mystery, but at present we have given all the facts known. LATER.—Before going to press we succeeded in obtaining considerable additional information in regard to the counterfeit plates of Hawaiian surcharges. We know now the name of the lithographing firm that ordered it, and sent it, about three weeks ago, to the Islands. We believe we can also make a close guess of the name of the Hawaiian dealer to whom the plate was forwarded. The plate consists of an electrotype, with fifty surcharges, or a whole sheet, and will doubtless be used to make very dangerous counterfeits. We are told, however, by an expert in the engraving and electrotyping art, that it is impossible to arrange the distance and details of the fifty surcharges so as to deceive the really careful observer. In connection herewith it will be interesting to learn that several weeks ago a large package of the exact size of the sheets of Hawaiian stamps passed through the San Francisco Postoffice *en route* from a leading American stamp firm to the Islands. It is easy to suppose that this parcel contained such unsurcharged stamps as the 2c vermilion, 1c blue, 1c mauve, 12c mauve and others whose value would be materially increased by a surcharge. We have asked this firm for information and should not be surprised if their customer and the party who ordered the forged plates prove to be same person. A sheet of the surcharge one-cent blue has been seen here on which every stamp was without the period after "GOVT." Probably these dots were removed by a good knife or acid. So far no counterfeit surcharges, to our knowledge, have reached this place, but the first lot is expected to arrive by the next steamer from the Sunny Islands. We shall keep our eyes open and hope in the next number of this journal to give further developements in this matter. We regret we are not allowed to publish the names of the parties connected with this peculiar piece of business, and we regret still more the fact that important and wealthy firms should be implicated in such a questionable enterprise.

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The Press. The Post Office Department must be overwhelmed with business these days, if we can judge by the number of philatelic papers which have been appearing recently; among these are two new Canadian papers:—The *Queen City Philatelist*, published by H. Beasley, 155

Queen Street West, Toronto. This paper, although somewhat inferior in size, is one which will in all probability be a success, as it contains fairly good reading matter, and is neat typographically.—Mr. A. M. Muirhead, of 228 Hollis Steeet, Halifax, N. S., has forwarded to us the first number of the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, which consists of four pages and cover. Though small in size, it is well got up, the reading matter consisting mainly of notes.—Among the new U. S. philatelic papers we might mention the following: The *Philatelic Kaleidoscope*, which is published by Mr. W. M. Randell, of Belleville, Michigan. His subscription price is fixed at an extremely novel amount, viz.: 24 cents per year. Other new papers are the *American Stamp News*, from Lowell, Mass.; *The Star Stamp Journal*, from Worcester, Mass., and *Philately*, from Jackson, Mich., together with others too numerous to mention. —The management of the New York *Stamp* has been changed.

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John R. Hooper. We have received some additional information with regard to Mr. Hooper. Professor Ellis, of Toronto, who analyzed the stomach of Mrs. Hooper, reports that he was unable to find any sign of poison. The inquest, which was held on the 23rd of Oct., has just been closed. The Coroner's Jury did not implicate Mr. Hooper with the crime, but stated that the circumstances of her death were suspicious. The magistrate set the date of the trial at near the first of Dec. Mr. B. B. Osler, the well-known criminal lawyer, has been engaged to defend him. Although the general impression is that he will be acquitted, it is altogether probable there will be considerable talking done by the lawyers on both sides before this result is reached. We shall keep the readers of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST supplied with the important details of the case.

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Matters of General Interest. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, of London, England, have opened a branch office in New York City. Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co's 15th Auction Sale was held on Nov. 2nd and 3rd; the attendance at the first session was about 30, and at the second about 20. The prices realized were very good, and in some instances higher than the record. We have heard nothing of the proposed convention of the P. S. of C., nor have we seen any official organ of that Society; it is practically dead. Our new Price List is now ready for mailing. We have issued 15,000 copies, the greater part of which have been already mailed. If you have not already received a copy kindly notify us, and we shall take pleasure in forwarding you one; it contains more packets than any other list ever issued and will repay perusal. The Philatelic Sons of America, Mr. Kissinger's new Society, is prospering.

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Another New Society. British Guiana has many enterprising philatelists, who, evidently, do not wish to be behind the rest of the world. The collectors of Georgetown met on Oct. 20th, and formed a society. We append a full account of the meeting, which we have taken from *The Daily Chronicle*, of Oct. 25th, which one of the members kindly sent us: "A meeting was held at the Portuguese Pawnbroking Company's Hall, on the 20th inst., for the purpose of appointing a committee to arrange preliminaries of a philatelic society for this city. Mr. J. Rodway was voted to the chair, and Mr. Norman A. Forster appointed Secretary. Mr. Rodway, on taking the chair, addressed the meeting, stating, in a few brief remarks, the objects and benefits to be derived from postage stamp collecting. Mr. T. A. S. Quail was the next speaker. His address set out clearly the reason for holding the meeting. He advised every stamp collector to give his support towards the formation of the Society. After addresses from Messrs. de Mello, de Sonza, Cownell, and a few other gentleman, the business of the meeting was proceeded with. It was moved by Mr. Quail, and seconded by Mr. Anderson, that the Society be formed. Mr. D'Andrade, supported by Messrs. de Mello and Quail, moved that coin collecting be added. The motion, on being put to the vote, was lost. On the motion of Mr. Quail, it was carried that a committee of four be appointed to draft the necessary rules to be laid before the next general meeting. Messrs. J. Rodway, T. A. S. Quail; N. A. Forster, and de Mello were elected members of the committee. After discussing other matters, a subscription list was circulated, and about fifty dollars collected. This being the completion of business, the meeting terminated."

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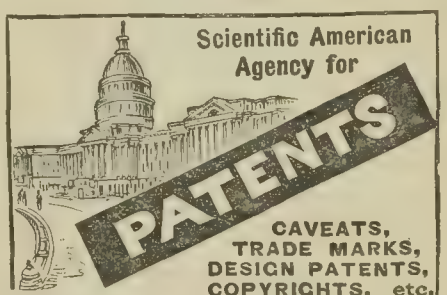

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COLUMBIAN STAMPS.

BY THOS. G. SUTHERLAND.

STRICTLY speaking this year has been the year in which Columbus has been the central figure. Honored in a hundred different ways, by having the greatest fair ever held, the World's Columbian Exhibition of the United States, dedicated to him in honor of his discoveries. Millions of coins and medals have been issued in his honor, and bearing his bust; billions of stamps issued in memory of his discoveries. It is on these stamps I desire to write, those commemorating the discoveries and life of Columbus.

1893 is not the fourth centennial anniversary of the discovery of America; 1892 was the year, but as the World's Fair set the fashion by being a year behind time in its celebration, this seems to have made some of the stamp issuing countries lose track of the date of the fourth centennial anniversary of the discovery; insomuch that we find many of the Columbian issues did not appear until 1893, or a year late. This shows us that a philatelic paper is not the only thing in the world that is apt to be late. Several billions of stamps appeared late this year, else had they appeared in 1892, and the fair held in 1893, it would have made the fair appear out of place and untimely, and perhaps ruined the fair. However, Uncle Sam foresaw an emergency, and fearful lest it would hurt his pet project, the W. C. E. postponed using the stamps, and in that way secured the success of his little show. I shall now attempt to give a list of these stamps, describing their design, etc., with a few remarks thrown in, for which latter I make no extra charge.

Argentine Republic.—On October 12th, 1892, two stamps, 2 centavas, pale blue, and 5 centavas, deep blue, were issued by the Argentine Government. The design represented the fleet of Columbus, approaching the land; above, the inscription, "Republica Argentina;" below, "2 centavas," or "5 centavas," as the case may be. On the left hand side, "12 Octobre 1492;" on the right, "12 Octobre, 1892." These stamps were on sale one day only, October 12th, 1892. When placed on sale at the Postoffice, on the morning of that date, so great was the rush for them that it is said the crowd struggling to obtain entrance to the postoffice resembled a crowd of rioters. Only a limited number of stamps were sold to a single person, and yet the entire issue of 400,000 were exhausted in a few hours. Letters stamped with these stamps were quite frequently missing, the postal clerks having caught the stamp fever. The stamps were watermarked a sun, and perforated 11½. By the evening of the day of issue, [illegible] readily in Buenos Ayres at $5.00 each; but about a month later this price dropped to about $2.00 for the set; however, at present they are again commanding $5.00 per set.

Honduras.—The 1892 Seebecks for this place, have a design which represents Columbus (and company) standing on the deck of a ship, and pointing to some object, (probably Chicago, as that is the only place big enough to be seen at a distance of 2000 miles); on the deck are the words "Oct. 12, 1492." The set consists of 1c. slate blue, 2c. deep blue, 5c. yellow green, 10c. blue green, 20c. red, 25c. lister, 30c. ultramarine, 40c. orange, 50c. chocolate, 75c. carmine, and 1 peso mauve. In addition to the preceding adhesives, a set of envelopes smaller in design were also issued, as follows: 5c. dark green, 10c. dark blue, 20c. carmine, 25c. red brown, amber paper. A set of wrappers also appeared; 1c. slate, 2c. carmine, 5c. dark green, and 10c. dark blue, buff paper.

Nicaragua.—In 1892 a set of stamps (Seebecks of course) were issued representing Columbus on the deck of his vessel. The set consisted of, 1c. yellow brown, 2c. red, 5c. green, 10c. slate, 20c. carmine, 50c. purple, and 1 peso brown, 2 peso green, 5 peso carmine, and 10 peso orange. This set of adhesives was also issued surcharged "Franquer Officiat," for official use, in red. The envelopes issued at the same time are, 5c. blue, salmon paper; 10c. slate, blue paper, 20c. red, 30c, red, and 50c. purple, cream paper. The wrappers were, 1, 2, and 4c. blue, on salmon paper.

Paraguay.—A special Columbian envelope was issued on Oct. 12, 1892. It was the 5c. envelope of 1887, with an additional stamp at the left of the original stamp. It seems to have been printed with a hand stamp. The design consists of a bust of Columbus in the centre, with "Colon" at the base, (similar to the stamps of Chili;) "Republica," at the top; "15 Centavas, Del Paraguay," at the bottom in four lines; "12 Octobre," at left, "1492-1892" at right; color blue and black, on cream; size 151x85 mm. The 10c. blue adhesive which was issued at the same time, was also surcharged for the good of Columbus. The surcharge was as follows, "1492-12 De Octobre-1892-," in three lines.

Salvador.—The Seebeck issue of 1892 has for its design, the landing of Columbus. The set consists of 1c. green, 2c. light brown, 3c. ultramarine, 5c. gray, 10c. vermilion, 11c. brown, 20c. orange, 25c. maroon, 50c. yellow, and 1p. carmine. The envelopes and wrappers are of a similar design. Envelopes, 1c. green, white paper; 5c. blue, blue paper; 10c. carmine, amber paper; 11c. brown, salmon paper; 20c. orange, and 22c. dark blue, salmon paper; wrappers, 2, 3, and 6c. brown, blue paper. Three new stamps were issued for 1893, which are rather "high," both in denomination and price. They are, 2 pesos green, "Foundation of Isabella;" 5 pesos, violet, "Embarkation at Palos;" and 10 pesos, orange, "Monument of Columbus in Genoa." *The Philatelic Era*

advises collectors to either let these things alone entirely, or collect them while in use, or in a used condition*. That's very good advice, brother Jewett, but how are we to get these high values at face value with our pocket books the next thing to empty? Neither can I see how we are to get used specimens, as it is rather doubtful whether such high values will be required for postage in more than a very few instances. If any used specimens are captured by collectors or dealers, they will be held at a very high figure.

United States.—The Columbian stamps of this country are too well known to need much description, but as my list would not be complete without them, I list them: 1c. blue, Columbus in sight of land; 2c. maroon, Landing of Columbus; 3c. green, Flag ship of Columbus; 4c. ultramarine, Fleet of Columbus; 5c. chocolate, Columbus soliciting aid of Isabella; 6c. purple, Columbus welcomed at Barcelona; 8c. carmine red, Columbus restored to favor; 10c. dark brown, Columbus presenting Natives; 15c. dark green, Columbus announcing his discovery; 30 c. sienna brown; Columbus at Rabida; 50c. light blue, Recall of Columbus; 1 dollar salmon, Isabella pledging her jewels; 2 dollar red, Columbus in chains; 3 dollar light green, Columbus describing his third voyage; 4 dollar carmine, Portrait of Queen Isabella and Columbus; 5 dollar black, Portrait of Columbus.

The Special Delivery stamp was changed to orange, because the S. D. boys mistook the 1c. blue, Columbian for the Special Delivery stamp; and often delivered letters franked with them. There is a peculiar puzzle in the fifty cent; by turning the stamp sideways so that "Christopher" is nearest the ground, a ridiculous picture of a man's face is presented. The head of the officer who is saluting Columbus forms the eyes, and his horse resembles a "plug" hat which has been badly smashed. A plainly marked shadow forms the nose; while a horse in the background forms the mouth.

The envelopes are of the denominations 1, 2, 5, and 10 cents, and are all on white paper. The following is a list of the different sizes; size A, 140x82 mm. 1, 2c.; size G, 219x98 mm. 2, 5c.; size H, 241x 104 mm. 2, 5. and 10c.; size J, 257x111 mm. 2, 5, and 10c.; size N, 133x107 mm, 1, 2c.; size P, 148x92 mm. 1, 2, and 5c.; size L, 160x95 mm. 1, 2, 5, and 10c.; size R, 142x111 mm. 1, 2, and 5c. They are watermarked with a picture of Columbus and Liberty in centre. Above is small U. S. in monogram like the 1887 issue, and 1492. Below 1892, to left, Liberty; and to right, Columbus. There are a great many die varieties of the envelopes, but I won't mention them here, for want of space.

Uruguay.—A special cancel mark was in use here during the three days of the Columbian celebration.

Venezuela.—This country issued a Columbian stamp of the value of 25 centimes. The design represents the discovery of the main land by Columbus in 1498. The great discoverer is shown as holding a banner in his left hand, while with his right he steadies a cross which another man is pushing down into the soil of America. At the top, "1492-1892" with the value; below, the title of the picture; color, lilac mauve. This, I believe, completes the list of Columbian postage stamps.

*Note by Editor.—Cancelled to order specimens of Seebecks are beginning to appear; so that one may secure used specimens if desired.

Written for The Canadian Philatelist.

MY FRIEND JONES.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

My friend Jones is a logical man, at least in his own estimation. He is not content with the simple knowledge that a thing is a fact, he must know the reason, and the outcome of it is that he reasons it out for himself, and his conclusions are ofttimes overdrawn.

Jones is not a stamp collector, but many of his friends are, and at first he derided the pursuit in his peculiar and matter-of-fact way. He at first classed it as a boyish pastime, but since looking at the photographs of lawyers, clergymen, doctors and editors, who are stamp collectors, that I have framed and hanging on the walls of my study, he concluded that he was mistaken, and of course he had to form other conclusions. The other day I met him and our conversation turned towards stamps and stamp collectors. He explained to me his latest conclusions on the subject, and I present them to show how untrue are the excuses he would make for stamp collecting. He has it figured out that philately is predominant among the residents of warm countries, that it flourishes in the climates most affected by heat. He says that the natives of these torrid countries are naturally an indifferent, lazy set of people; they will not work, and must of necessity have means to pass away the time; consequently they have turned to stamp collecting, and have found it a pleasant occupation of their time, which hangs as a burden upon them. Of course there are collectors in temperate and frigid climes, but they are exceptions to the rule Now what do you think of that? It appears to me that my friend Jones is grievously in the wrong. Yet not more so than many others who seek to fathom the reasons why stamp collecting has an existence. His rehearsals gave me food for research, and I busied myself with hunting out statistics among musty volumes of philatelic lore in order to prove the falsity of his statements.

Stamp collecting first began in Paris, France, about fifty years ago, and made great progress in Paris before it spread to other cities and countries. The largest number of stamp collectors in any one country is claimed by the United States, while France, Belgium, Austria, Germany, and Gt. Britain are following closely behind. Spain, Italy, Greece, Portugal, and Turkey, which are much warmer climates than the foregoing, are possessed of a much smaller number of philatelists. Russia, Finland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, have a greater number of stamp collectors than the whole of India, Egypt, and the rest of Africa. Now it seems to me that this is conclusive evidence that philately was not born of a torrid climate. Going farther, I would venture to say, though I have no statistics for this, that the Dominion of Canada possesses a larger number of philatelists than the whole South American Continent. I may be in error here however.

Philately has the largest number of devotees among the English speaking races, and who can say that these people are lazy, and idle dreamers, taken as a whole? The truth of the matter is that Mr. Jones don't know what he's talking about. He jumped at conclusions, and that is the case with many of our would-be critics. All the proof goes to show just the opposite from what he claimed.

Philately has its stronghold in the temperate climes, and any American collector can tell you that there are more collectors in the Northern States than there is in the Southern members of our National Union.

And again, friend Jones, Philately is not taken up as a means to while away dull hours which drag heavy on our hands. Nine-tenths of its followers are hard-working, earnest men of business, or boys who are studiously applying themselves to their books, all of whom realize the truth of that old verse:

> "Life is too short to while away the hours;
> All must be earnest in a world like ours."

No, Mr. Jones, you'll find your idle boys out on the street somewhere, or possibly down to some billiard hall or saloon; its the active, energetic boy who is collecting stamps. I've known of lots of idle boys commencing the collection of stamps, but they all gave it up early in the game.

So, friend Jones, do you not think you'd better rake up some other excuse for stamp collecting? And remember that the next time you make a statement you'd better have the facts on your side.

NOTELETS.

BY THOS. G. SUTHERLAND.

COLLECTORS had better be keeping their Canada registration stamps, as no more are to be issued. The current 5 cent stamp has been withdrawn. These and the 15, 20, and 50 cent denominations of the postage, are well worth saving.

I have a specimen of the 5 cent, 1862—'63 stamp of Switzerland, on bright pink paper, and one of the 20 cent with blue threads running through it. By the way, why doesn't Scott list the watermark which appears on most of the perforated Swiss stamps? It is a cross enclosed in a two lined circular oblong frame.

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Postal card collecting will probably advance rapidly when the new catalogues appear, as cards are now going to be listed. It is a pity we cannot have a catalogue of all revenue, telegraph, local, and railway stamps.

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Acting Observer Clery, of the U. S. Weather Bureau, has made arrangements to furnish postoffices within a convenient distance of Kansas City, cards giving the weather indications. They are large postal cards to be sent out daily, and posted in a conspicuous place in each postoffice. Before sending out the cards he sent several hundred letters to postmasters, explaining what he proposed to do, and asking them to post the cards. To each he sent an envelope with the Weather Department's frank for a reply. The answers are coming in, and Mr. Clery says he can tell a new postmaster's letter from one written by a "hold over." Some of the new postmasters put a big Columbian stamp over the frank, to make sure that they are not violating the law. It is said that stamping a franked envelope is nothing new in Tennessee, but this is the first time in history that a Kansas office-holder has been known to pay for what he could get free.

In a lot of stamps I received some time ago, from a correspondent in England, is an officially sealed, found-open stamp used in that country. The following is the description: In centre, oblong space for postmark; to left, "Found open;" and to right, officially sealed. Above crown and "V R.", perforated; color black. It is postmarked "Newark, Jy. 11, 93." I wrote to the party who sent it, to find out whether it was a local or government issue. He replied that it was a government issue. A friend of mine also has a specimen, which he obtained from the same source.

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Some of the U. S. "Penalty Envelopes," are watermarked. I have one watermarked "P. O. D." in monogram. Another is watermarked with a jumble of letters, but the paper is so coarse, that I cannot make it out.

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A short article appeared in the *Youths' Companion* for Aug. 31, on Mr. J. W. Palmers' "Chamber of Horrors," which, as you probably know, is a room papered entirely with counterfeit stamps. I give a couple of extracts. "It is estimated by Mr. Palmer, who is the largest stamp dealer in the world, that these stamps would be worth five million dollars but for the unfortunate circumstance that they are not genuine." "This crazy patchwork shows a specimen of every known stamp in the world." It strikes me perhaps a few of those "common continentals," as well as some other stamps, were among the counterfeits; and what is the matter with Stanley Gibbons, Limited, of London, England, in regard to the largest dealer? The writer of the *Youths' Companion's* article is surely not a collector, and evidently believes all he hears.

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If you have not seen a postal card, or envelope, with all the writing in Native Indian or Egyptian characters, you have missed something. It looks exactly as if a bird had stepped into a bottle of ink, and then walked all over it, (the card, not the ink bottle.)

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I have a dead letter envelope of Canada, which has in the right hand corner, a large figure 3 to represent the postage. Should not this be classed as a sort of official stamp? *

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I have something of a curiosity in the shape of a watch company's advertising card, made in imitation of an envelope. The envelope appears to have been torn open, revealing a letter praising the watches, etc. In the right hand corner of the envelope, is an exact imitation of the 1 sen green, and the 2 sen rose, Japanese stamps. The stamps are slightly raised, so as to appear as if stuck on the envelope. The 1 sen stamp has apparently been torn when the envelope was opened.

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The *Youths' Companion* is still offering as a premium, Mekeel's American catalogue, Popular Stamp Album, and a packet of 200 foreign stamps. In regard to the catalogue, they say; "The stamp collector of to-day is becoming a specialist. He endeavors to secure all the stamps of some one country, and become an authority in that direction. This catalogue is for an American specialist." They are also offering two new packets of stamps singly.

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EDITORIAL.

An Apology. We must make an apology to our readers for lateness of our October and November issues. The cause of the delay was Mr. Staebler's extended absence from home. The December number will be mailed a few days after this reaches you. Owing to our lateness, this number is a little smaller than usual.

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Against Victoria's Title. The Legitimist Jacobite League, the name by which the society of crack-brained individuals who dispute Queen Victoria's right to the throne, now prefer to be known, has again been playing at treason by printing a postage stamp "for private circulation," says the *Loyal Sun.* The stamp is blue in color, and it bears the effigy of the Bavarian princess who, according to these latter day Jacobites, ought to be now installed in Windsor castle. The league leaders had arranged to mint some coins with similar design, but precipitately abandoned the scheme on learning that it would render them liable to penal servitude.

A Change in U. S. Postal Cards. The U. S. Postmaster General, Mr. Bissel, has decided to abandon the three sizes of postcards now in use, and substitute one size. The specifications of size which were sent to prospective bidders, inform us that the size will be 3½x5½ inches; this is known as the international, it being used generally by the countries composing the postal union. The reply card will still be continued, but will be somewhat reduced in size. These two cards will take the place of the small or ladies' card, the medium, the large and the large reply card. The Postmaster General has appointed a commission to go to Castletown, New York, and make a thorough test of the paper which is being offered by contractor Woodworth.

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The P. P. A. The latest circular of the Philatelic Protective Association warns collectors against the following forgeries: *Holland.*—Unpaid letter stamp, 1881, 1 gulden, blue and red: Mr. J. K. Koning of Amsterdam reports a very dangerous forgery of this stamp. *Turkey.*—Current 10 and 20 faras, 1 and 2 piastres, surcharged with the word "Taxe" and the equivalent in Turkish characters; (2) complete set of current issue, surcharged "Imprint" in red; (3) unpaid letter stamp of the former issue, 20 paras and 1 piastre, surcharged "Imprint" in black. The above surcharges are all false, and have never been in use in any postoffice in the Turkish Empire. *United States.*—1868, 90c. blue; 1870, 6, 10, 15 and 24 cents, with forged grille. Fresh forgeries have been lately offered. Only the above values have been seen at present, but others probably exist. The grille in those that have been examined was too oblong in shape, and the points composing same were too far apart.

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Stamp Collecting was Dangerous. We glean from the *Detroit Free Press* an amusing incident, which happened in 1873, when Don Carlos was fighting for the throne of Spain. He considered the provinces of Biscay, Navarre and Catalon as conquered, and he had the idea of creating for the provinces a series of postage stamps bearing his effigy, on which were inscribed the following words: "Imposto de guerra" (war tax). He forbade under penalty of death any inhabitant of the three provinces to make use of any other postage stamps. Unfortunately for Don Carlos, Alphonse XII., King of Spain, heard of the proclamation, and decreed the same thing in regard to stamps with his effigy. So the poor inhabitants, being menaced on both sides, very wisely decided not to write at all. Such things only happen in Spain.

A New Exchange Club. The Fiscal and Postal Exchange Club is the latest. It has just been formed in Plymouth, England, with the purpose in view of facilitating the exchange of postage and revenue stamps, particularly the later, between collectors. The address of the Secretary is, A. Preston Pearce, of 8 Clarendon Place, Citadel Road, Plymouth, England, who will forward circulars to those desiring additional particulars.

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The Canadian Philatelic Weekly. As will be seen from an announcement in another portion of this month's issue, our new publication the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* will appear promptly on January 4th, and will in every respect be the best philatelic weekly published. We refer you to the announcement, and shall be pleased to receive your subscription. Sampl copies may be had on application.

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Our Handbook No. 5. Our Handbook No. 5, "*The Postage Stamps of the United States*," which is announced as ready in this and the two previous issues of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST, is not yet ready. The covers of the paper on which it is advertised were all printed at one time in the month of September and at the time same were printed it had been expected to have the book ready for delivery by the time the papers were mailed. However, the time and labor involved in the preparation of the book has been so much greater than was first expected that at present appearances we will be unable to mail the work before February 5th. We trust that our patrons that have ordered this work will pardon delay. The book is of such useful nature that we feel assured that it will, when issued, repay purchasers for the delay in receiving it.

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Our Christmas Issue. The CANADIAN PHILATELIST has become so late that it will be impossible to issue the special Christmas edition promised in our September issue, on time. The special edition in question will appear in February, and will be in every respect a very fine number. Our December issue is now in press and will be mailed a day or two after this number. An apology is due our readers for the small size of this and our October issue, but we were so late that it was impossible to get a larger edition out without being put still farther behind.

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Our Catalogue. We have received from the publishers advanced pages of *Our Catalogue*, which is being published by a syndicate of American dealers. The catalogue presents a very neat appearance, yet we do not believe it will prove a very dangerous rival to the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s Catalogue, which seems to be the favorite.

Another Swindle. We desire to warn the readers of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST against a certain E. E. Raub, of Hyde Park, Mass, who has of late been swindling collectors and dealers to a great extent. This party succeeded in securing from us a small wholesale lot valued at about $10, which lot we are now minus. Legal proceedings will be taken against this party, and any of our readers who have lost by him are requested to forward full particulars, with their claims, to us at once. We shall be able to give our readers further particulars shortly.

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Mr. Dawson A. Vinden. Mr. Dawson A. Vinden, whose portrait we had intended to present the readers of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST in this issue, had not arrived up to the date of publication, and we are compelled to go to press without it. It will appear next month.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be answered in the following number.]

CANADIAN COLLECTORS.

EDITOR CANADIAN PHILATELIST,

It has been thought that a society having membership limited to Canada would do good work. With low dues, reliable officers and active departments, such a society should do well. Please write if interested. Suggestions thankfully received, which should be discussed and passed on. In writing kindly give opinion upon such matters as dues, age limit of officers, working methods of departments, and general policy of Society. Write,

ALEX. M. MUIRHEAD, Halifax, N. S.

THE "WITNESS."

The Montreal WITNESS is now offering the remainder of the present year free to new subscribers for next year as an encouragement to give that valuable paper a trial. The WITNESS, both WEEKLY and DAILY, has, during the year, adopted what it declares to be the model form, with neat, small, convenient pages, being enabled, by the possession of one of the most complete printing presses ever built by the Hoes, of New York, to vary the number of pages at will, The paper enters the press at two places, on rolls broad or narrow as required, and the newspapers come out at lightning speed folded, pasted and cut. Besides the improvement in form, there is a remarkable improvement in Typography, the type being set by the wonderful Linotype machine, which attains the speed of five men, and casts a new type face every time The proprietors invite visitors to Montreal to see these machines. The picture element has so greatly developed in the WITNESS, that it may now be fairly called an illustrated paper. The WITNESS has moved to the busiest corner in Montreal, the junction of Bleury and St. Peter Streets with Craig Streets, and has a spacious building there, which is in some respects as fine a newspaper office as is anywhere to be seen. The price of the DAILY WITNESS is $3, and of the WEEKLY WITNESS $1, while the little pioneer paper, THE MESSENGER, costs only 30 cents.

Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co. should send for a copy at once. It consists of 80 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free upon application by addressing above firm at 4 Nicholson Place, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

The world now uses 13,000 kinds of postage stamps.

The postoffice and telegraph office at Lexington, Miss., are in charge of a woman.

The Columbian stamp was designed in compliment to a Chicago girl's foot.

The Chinese postal service, which is slow and crude, is controlled by mauy private companies.

The new Columbian stamps are very popular in Japan. They build houses of paper over in Japan, you know.

During the complicated process of manufacturing stamps they are counted 11 times in order to guard against pilfering.

The postoffice at Mott, Ind., pays the smallest salary of any office in the state—51 cents annually. Don't all speak for it at once.

In addition to the 10 World's Fair cards first issued, two more were issued, towards the close of the exposition. You now have to buy several sets, and run your chance of getting these two.

An international postage stamp is suggested by Swiss journals. It would be convenient in making small remittances to foreign countries, and it would give the stamp collectors something more to do. Have any objections, anything to say?

The postoffice department is making efforts to work off its stock of Columbian stamps, of which none will be sold after Jan 1, 1894. Mr. Wanamaker's issue was a failure chiefly because he gave people too much paper for their money.

Postoffice officials in Portland, Me., were surprised to have among the mail deposited there a day or two ago, a registered letter that would have gone for the usual 10 cents fee and postage, but bore a stamp of the $4 denomination. The stamp collecting fad was suggested as an explanation, the stamp that had been used being regarded by its enthusiasts as more valuable than an uncancelled one.

A good story concerning Gladstone as a book hunter was told to-day. Some time ago one of his marked catalogues, ordering a batch of books, was surcharged by the postoffice as being in the nature of a letter. It was enclosed in a half penny wrapper and bore Gladstone's customary scrap of writing to forward the volumes checked. The bookseller added the extra postage of two pence to the account, and Gladstone paid up; but he relieved his feelings by having a merry hit at the postoffice for its marvellous red tape.

There are 68,000 postmasters in this country. Only sixty-five of them were charged with criminal offenses during the past year.

He was lean and dyspeptic, and over his face had settled the gloom of despair, as he wildly wandered along the dark street, chilled through by the quivering air. He sought a physician, and when at last he confronted a dealer of men he fainted, and fell on the cold pavement stone, and hasn't been living since then. The coroner's jury empanneled to search the cause of his death, found that the immediate trouble arose from having exhausted his breath; and further, 'twas stated, "dyspepsia he had, and colic and all sorts of cramps, induced by the drain of his fluids entailed in licking Columbian stamps."

The largest postage stamp ever issued measured 4 inches by 2—the size of the old United States 5 cent stamp, restricted to packages of newspapers and periodicals, posted in bulk and never intended for letters. The penny Madagascar stamp second in regard to size, 3 inches by 1½ inches, was used to prepay postage on letters posted at the British consulate at Antananarivo, where there was no other postoffice in 1886. The private postage stamp of Robinson & Co.'s express, with its figure of a bear, is 2¾ by 1½ inches. The stamp entitled "California penny postage from the postoffice, care of Penny Post Co." for 1885 is in size 2½ by 1¼ inches. The quarter schilling stamp of Mecklenburg-Schwerin which was issued in 1856 is the smallest ever issued—less than one-fourth the size of the current penny English stamp—and it would take about fifty of them to cover the surface of the largest issued by the United States.—*Collector.*

A discussion regarding the advantages of the postal card in a recent gathering brought up the question as to the proper use of that convenient piece of pasteboard.

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Another said she could not explain the coolness of a certain fastidious young man, except that perhaps he was displeased with her for sending a postal to his club asking something about a book.

Besides those who merely dislike receiving postal cards there are some who would be seriously offended at being addressed in that manner, so it is best always to avoid their use as far as possible.

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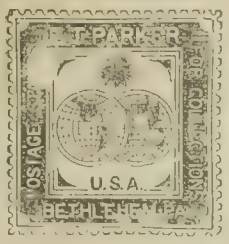

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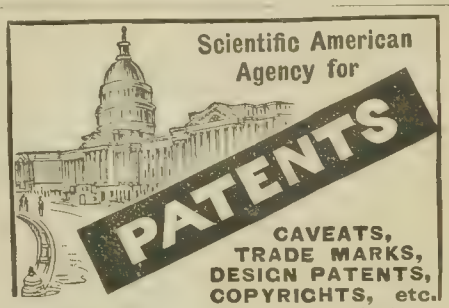

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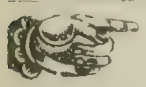

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SUE'S STAMPS.

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IT was an awful situation that a boy by the name of Wilkinson got me into. He wrote a beautiful story in a stamp paper telling how he had fooled his sister and made her believe that some robber-man had stolen all her stamps, but when she had done fainting he told her it was only a joke and got the stamps for her. I thought it was a beautiful story, but I have found out since that it wasn't, and I think that people ought to know just what kind of a boy Wilkinson is.

After the trouble Sue got me into about the ice cream, though it wasn't my fault at all, I thought I would do just as the Wilkinson boy did, because it would be a good way to get even with her. We ought never give way to these bad feelings, however, but keep on doing good no matter what happens. But when you get even with people they have more respect for you and treat you better in the future; so I thought that just for once I would get even with Sue.

One afternoon when Sue and mother were out making some of those horrible calls, as Sue calls them, I got her stamp album, and with a paper-knife cut out all the stamps and put them in a box. Of course I didn't mean to keep the stamps or give them away to anybody, I only wanted to teach Sue a lesson, and I intended to give her back the stamps whenever she would promise to be more considerate of my feelings. So I hid the box in my room and put back the stamp album where I got it.

I couldn't help laughing all afternoon when I thought how astonished Sue would be when she saw her stamp album and all her stamps gone—of course she would think that some robber-man had stolen them—and wouldn't she laugh when she found it was only a joke.

The next evening Mr. Thompson, the minister, called to see Sue. Now, the minister is such an old acquaintance, and father thinks so much of him, that Sue had to ask him in, though she didn't want to see him. It was getting dark and Sue was expecting Mr. Atkins every minute, and after a while, when she thought she heard him at the gate, she said, "Oh! Mr. Thompson, would you excuse me for a minute, I must see what the cook is doing. Here is my stamp album you can be looking at while I am away. Mr. Thompson took the album and thanked Sue, but he looked dreadfully queer when he opened it, but then, perhaps he thought that Sue was trying to fool him. When Sue came back Mr. Thompson said, "My dear Miss Brown, I think you must have made a mistake, there are no stamps in this album." "No stamps?" cried Sue, looking as if she had seen some disgusting ghosts, "let me see." When Sue saw the album she shrieked and fainted right away. Mr. Thompson was dreadfully frightened, and said, "Run, Jimmy, and get the cologne or bay rum or something." I ran up to Sue's room as fast as I could and felt around in the dark for Sue's cologne bottle, which she always keeps on her bureau. I found a bottle in a minute or two and took it down to Mr. Thompson, and he bathed Sue's face with it as well as he could in the dark (for Sue had upset the lamp and broken it when she fainted), and in a minute or two she came too.

Just then the door bell rang, and who should come in but Mr. and Mrs Downs and Miss Downs, who's the minister at the other church. Sue jumped up and ran into the far parlor to light the gas, and, of course, Mr. Thompson went to help her. They just got it lit as the visitors came in. Mr. Downs looked as if he had seen a ghost. Mrs. Downs said, "Did you ever," and Miss Downs said, "Oh my!" but father just burst out laughing.

You never saw such a sight. I had made a mistake and brought down a bottle of liquid shoe blacking and Mr. Thompson had rubbed it all over Sue's face and she was jet black except the end of her nose, and then he had rubbed his hands on his own face so that it was all black spots.

Sue really tried to make out that I had brought down the blacking on purpose. But father said it served her right and that he wasn't going to punish me for her carelessness, and of course I was dreadfully sorry about it. Mr. Thompson wasn't a bit angry, but Sue says that she is never going to speak to him again after disgracing her in such a heartless manner. As to Mr and Mrs. Downs, they think that Sue and Mr. Thompson were having a private circus, and mother says that they will never come to the house again.

After Mr. Thompson had gone I told Sue about the stamps, that it was only a joke and that she could have them if she would promise to be more considerate of my feelings. I expected to see her burst out laughing just as Wikinson's sister did; but instead of laughing she called father and told him what I had done. Father looked dreadfully angry. He said he'd teach me to respect sacred things, and told me to go up stairs while he got his cane. I haven't the heart to relate what happened upstairs, but I think that the Wilkinson boy ought to be punished, and if I had him in our yard I don't care if he was ever so big, I'd show him that he couldn't get innocent boys into scrapes without getting hurt.

I am not quite able to sit up this morning, and my heart is broken. I think there ought to be a law to keep men from selling canes to fathers unless they haven't any children.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

TALES OF A PHILATELIST.

I.—The Missing Albums.

BY R. S. WALTERS.

MY uncle was a strange man, at least in the opinion of all except his most intimate friends, and as he was a man of a thoughtful and reserved nature, these latter were few in number. Rich beyond measure, there was no wish he could not gratify ; yet he lived simply, on his estate which was situated a short distance from London. He was single (happy man ! I would that I were again in that blessed state), and a man who had graduated from Cambridge with the highest honors, and who might have signed himself "Geo. A. Walters, B. A.," had not his plain and simple nature caused him to leave off the degree. He never mingled with the social world, as it was to him only an empty void.

As I have before said, he lived quietly on his estate, his only attendants being an old negro and negress whom he had brought with him from South Africa, where, among the diamond fields he had accumulated the greater part of his large fortune.

I was one of the intimate and occasional companions, of which he had so few and saw even less frequently, and I know not but that if it had not been for a certain tie that united us we would have seldom met. We were both enthusiastic stamp collectors and consequently the bonds which united us were of a permanent nature.

Regarding my own collection, I once told the readers of *The Canadian Philatelist*, how by a fortunate occurrence while at school, I made some very important additions to it. A period of some six years had elapsed between the time referred to and that of which I am writing, and having just completed my college course, and had again turned my stamps which, although I had only about three thousand varieties, contained a few stamps which might be considered rare.

My uncle's collection was, on the contrary to my own, very large. Unlimited means at his disposal and years of travel had given him exceptionable opportunities of procuring many rare varieties, such as are longed after by many collectors but possessed by few. Briefly, there were but few vacant spaces in his albums. He, happy man, lived before the day of "Seebecks" and annual issues. His collection was one of the greatest pleasures he had, and no amount of money would have induced him to part with it. I had frequently spent a pleasant afternoon looking through the two large volumes between whose covers rested so many priceless gems.

On one occasion a few weeks after I left college, I was spending an afternoon with my uncle looking over his albums, I noticed that he was not in his usual spirits. He seemed worried over something. On my inquiring as to what it was he replied: "Bob, I cannot tell you what it is, for I do not know myself. I am in my usual health, yet I feel that something is hanging over me, and that I may not be alive to-morrow."

"Nonsense," I answered, "we all have such feelings at times, they are but clouds that precede the sunshine."

"Well," replied my uncle, with an attempt to laugh, "you are probably right ; a good night's sleep may set me right again."

We parted soon after, and as I rode away he called after me, "Bob, you might drop in to a few of the large dealers and see if they can fill any of my wants."

This was the last time I ever saw my uncle alive. The next morning we received a telegram informing us of his death.

The day after the funeral my uncle's will was read and by it he left almost his entire estate to my father, while on me he settled £1,000 a year and his albums.

We took possession of our inheritance a short time after, but although the old mansion was searched from cellar to garret, no trace of the albums could be found. After a couple of almost ceaseless weeks of searching, one night I gave it up in despair and threw myself down in the old leather arm-chair, which, with all the rest of the furniture of my uncle's library, had been left undisturbed out of respect to his memory when alive, for it had been his favorite retreat. Completely exhausted I fell asleep and slept soundly until the tower clock struck two when I awoke. The light was burning dimly, and as I was about to rise to leave the room, I heard footsteps outside the door which opened noiselessly, and as I looked a sudden chill passed over me, for before me stood my uncle. Raising his hand he motioned me to follow him, and I instinctively followed him up the large oaken staircase and through two long halls, until he entered that room which had been his sleeping apartment, which was situated on the extreme left wing of the building. He entered, moved to the side of the room and pressed some hidden spring and a door sprang open, and lo ! there on a shelf lay the two lost albums. A sudden dizziness came over me and all became a blank. I was awakened at about ten o'clock the next morning by the sun shining brightly and casting its rays into my face as I lay across the bed.

How I got on the bed was a mystery, when I lost consciousness I was in a remote corner of the room. I cannot explain how I got there, unless my uncle carried me thence after I lost consciousness.

I sprang quickly up and looked toward the part of the room where the hidden vault (for such it was), was situated. The door was still open and upon the shelves lay the albums. I was overcome. Taking them from the vault I replaced the panel and proceeded to my room, where I spent the remainder of the morning turning over in my mind the strange event of the night.

At dinner I rehearsed the night's adventures to the family, who turned the laugh upon me and informed me that I had been dreaming, and that finally I had become so engrossed in my dreams that I had began searching for the albums in my sleep and had entered my uncle's room and had run against the wall and had touched the hidden spring which had disclosed the missing treasures.

I could not be led to believe that my adventure had been a mere dream. I am certain that my uncle appeared to me from beyond the grave, and that it was only through his aid that I found THE MISSING ALBUMS.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

GUATEMALA.

BY GEO. B. KLEBES.

GUATEMALA, the country which produces the stamps I am about to write of, is the most northern of all the Central American Republic. It became independent in 1839, after having formed a part of the Central American Confederation for eighteen years. Although it has not as large an area as Nicaragua or Costa Rico, its population is twice as great as both of them together. With this brief description I will proceed to the object of this article, viz, the stamps.

The first stamps ever issued by this country came out in 1871, thirty-two years after it became independent. The rising sun above, and a wreath below a shield, with the whole enclosed in a double-line oval, with "Correos de Guatemala" above and the value in words below constituted the design. A one centavos, buff; five centavos, brown; ten centavos, blue; and twenty centavos, carmine, made their appearance at this time and continued to prepay the postage of the loyal Guatemalans until one year later, when they were supplemented by two more varieties of a different though somewhat similar design. These consisted of a scroll in the centre of a shield surrounded by wreaths and other emblems, while the shield was surrounded by an oval frame similar to that of the first issue. At this time a four reales, lilac; and one peso, orange, made their appearance. These two stamps are now quite rare. These stamps, however, seemed to prove unsatisfactory, for three years later an entirely new emission was put in use. The laureated head of "Liberty," to left, appeared upon these stamps, and the frame surrounding it was slightly different on each stamp, though not enough so to require description. The emission consisted of a one fourth real, black; one-half real, green; one real, blue; and two reales, carmine. Barrios, who at the time of this issue was ruling the country with a rod of iron, probably considered the head of "Liberty" on these stamps as a personification of himself. What the people thought would be more difficult to say.

In 1878, the most beautiful set of stamps ever issued by this country, and I have nearly said by any other, was put in circulation. The design was an Indian head in oval, with the words "Correos de Guatemala" on an arched scroll above, with the value in words below, and numerals of value on scroll in each of the lower corners. Tropical birds and fruits ornamented the upper corners, while wreaths are at each side. A one-half real, greeen; two reales, carmine; four reales, lilac; and one peso, orange composed the emission.

In 1879, two new varieties made their appearance of an entirely different cut, representing a parrot in the centre of the stamp, with the value in the upper corner. A one-fourth real, brown and green; and one real, black and green were all that appeared at this time.

In 1881 four surcharges were put in circulation. The one-fourth real of 1879 was surcharged "1 centavo" in two lines, the numeral "1" being above the word "centavo," and the remaining surcharges were printed in the same manner. The one-half real of 1878 was surcharged "5 centavos;" the one real of 1879 was converted into a "10 centavos" stamp, and two reales of 1878 was made to do duty as a "20 centavos." These continued in use but a short time, and are correspondingly rare.

In 1882 there appeared another set, the design was very much similar to that used in 1879 issue, and consisted of five values, as follows: one centavo, black and green; two centavos, brown and green; five centavos, carmine and green; ten centavos, violet and green; and 20 centavos, orange and green. The bird upon these is called a quezal, and one of the national emblems of Guatemala. A large proportion of the inhabitants are Indians, which probably accounts for the design of the 1878 issue.

In 1886 the stamps which were used for the payment of the Northern Railway tax were surcharged with new value for use as postage. They bear the portrait of Gen. Barrios in oval band inscribed "Republica de Guatemala," "Ferrocarril al Norte" above on scroll "Vale un peso," below on straight label. Color carmine, black surcharge value 25c., 50c., 75c., 100c, and 150 centavos. The same year the present set made its appearance, its design is probably familiar to all, consisting of eleven values as follows: one centavo, light blue; two centavos, light brown; five centavos, purple; ten centavos, red; twenty centavos, emerald green; twenty-five centavos, orange; fifty centavos, sage green; seventy-five centavos, carmine; one hundred centavos, maroon; one hundred and fifty centavos, dark blue; and two hundred centavos, orange. One year later we find that the one, two and five centavos of 1886 engraved, and in 1891 the ten centavos red appeared.

In addition to the adhesive described above, envelope stamps appeared in 1875. The stamps consist of the laureated profile of "Liberty" to the left on an oval disc, with "Guatemala" above and the value in words below, and numerals of value enclosed in ovals at the sides. The values and colors corresponded to the 1875 issue of adhesives, and are as follows: one-half real, green; one real, blue; and two reales, red. A newspaper wrapper of the same design, black on manilla paper, and of the value of one-fourth real, made its appearance at the same time.

In 1890 there appeared two more envelope stamps, which are in use at the present time, viz.: five centavos blue; and ten centavos, carmine. A newspaper wrapper, black on manilla, value two cent. brown also appeared at this time. The stamps heretofore mentioned are the only ones issued by this country, at least to my knowledge, and I hope that the list is a complete one. Guatemala was, as you see, behind her sister Central America Republics, in issuing postage stamps; however, the deficiency was more than made up when they were issued, for I consider that in artistic designs, richness of color, clean and accurate cuts, and distinct prints, they excel all others, and with the exception of our own U. S. stamps, they are the pride page of my album.

NO DETAILS NEEDED

Mrs. Blank—The paper tells of a postmaster who was appointed by John Quincy Adams, and has held the position ever since. Was he an unusually good man, do you think?

Mr. Blank (an experienced citizen)—Oh, not at all, not at all. It was an unusually poor office.—*New York Weekly.*

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EDITORIAL.

An Apology. An apology is due for the lateness of this and the two following issues. Our January and February issues are under way and will be mailed within two weeks' time, and we can in future promise that the paper will be mailed promptly on the 1st of the month.

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P. Heinsberger Again. It is quite evident from a piece which appeared in a New York paper of recent date that we have not seen the last of this party and his *German-American Philatelic Association.* This swindle was exposed some time ago in the columns of the *Canadian Philatelist.* The society, as we stated, consists mainly of P. Heinsberger and F. R. Phillips, who are one and the same party. The plan of this swindle is to secure members, and of course the so-called president and treasurer pockets the dues, which, it is said, prior to the exposure of his schemes brought him a snug little income. We again warn our readers against this society. The officers elected, it will be seen, are collectors who are unknown to philatelists, and probably originated in this party's somewhat fertile mind. We append a bogus report of a meeting of this society which was taken from a leading N. Y. daily. We have every reason to believe that no meeting whatever was held. "The German-American Philatelic Association, 'Germania,' of New York, held their fifth annual convention yesterday (Jan. 15th) at the rooms of the association. President Frederic Heinsberger opened the convention at 10 a. m., and welcomed the members from various states. The president in his annual address reviewed the work of the association during the year 1893. There are now 595 active members and 75 corresponding members of the association in the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. According to the treasurer's report the financial condition of the association is good. The dues have been reduced to $1.00 per year. The librarian reported that the "Curio-Annex" of the association numbers now 75 curio collectors in America and Europe. Officers were elected to serve for the year 1894 as follows: President, Frederic Heinsberger; Recording Secretary, A. Schumacher; Treasurer, H. Heaman; Librarian and International Secretary, F. R. Phillips; Trustees, A. Salinger, Vermont; S. Cramer, Illinois; H. Meier, Kentucky." We trust that our contemporaries will not fail to expose this swindle.

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Advance in Prices. We have received the pocket edition of Scott's 54th Edition Catalogue, and owing to the fact that so many improvements are introduced in this edition we cannot but give an extended review of the same. A new feature, which will be appreciated by many collectors, is the introduction of a prize catalogue of all varieties of post cards, which, from the brief inspection we gave it, seems to be very complete. U. S. and Canadian stamps have advanced greatly in many instances. The U. S. 1847, 10c., has advanced from $2.25 to $3.00; the U. S. 1861, 5c., yellow, has advanced from $4.50 to $5.00; the 1890, 90c., orange, has gone up to 40c.; the 90c., purple, of the 1888 issue, has been advanced to 75c, which price, considering the large quantities held by dealers for the purpose of speculation, is far too high. The Columbian set are priced in used condition at $18.25. Among the department stamps there are a few marked changes, that of the Justice set being especially noticeable. Canadian collectors will appreciate the cataloguing of many varieties of British North American stamps which the firm have hitherto omitted. Among the Canadian the different sizes of perforation, varieties of paper, and the watermarked issue of 1868, are now for the first time listed. Among the advances in Canada

the 3d., red, laid paper, has advanced from 75c. to $1.00; the 10d., blue, formerly priced at $4.50, is now worth $6.00; the ½d., pink, has advanced from $1 50 to $2.50; the ½d., pink, on ribbed paper, is catalogued at $15.00; while the ½d., pink, perforated, is placed at $5.00; the 6d, perforated, is a stamp which is rapidly advancing in price, it now being worth $25 00. In the 1859 issue the 10c., violet, is now catalogued at 30c.; the 12½c., green, at 30c.; and the 17c., blue, at 75c. The 1869 1c., yellow, has gone up from 10c. to 20c; and the 1875 5c, olive-green, has advanced from 25c. to 40c.; the 8c., blue register, is now worth $1.50. In the provincial stamps the following advances have been made: The Nova Scotia 1sh, violet, is now listed at $60, and the 1sh., mauve, at $75; the New Brunswick 1sh, violet, has advanced to $50, and the 1sh., mauve, to $70; while the 5c., brown, Connell, hitherto unpriced, is listed at $100. There are a few other advances in the stamps of New Brunswick, but too small to mention. In Newfoundland we notice a general advance in prices, especially those of the scarlet-vermilion pence issue. In Prince Edward Island the different sizes of perforation are at last catalogued, as also are the compound perforations of the issue of 1865. We believe the price for the 1861 issue to be much too low. The 1d., buff, has advanced from 50c. to $1.; the 4c. and 12c. of the 1872 issue are priced at $5, which price we believe to be fully five times too high, as our publishers quite frequently sell the same stamp for 75c. and $1 in used condition. The same stamps are priced at 10c. each unused, which will be quite a temptation to unscrupulous collectors and dealers to forge the cancellations. Reviewing the catalogue on the whole, we consider it to be one which will necessitate a considerable amount of labor for any firm who attempt to sell it. It has improved considerably since the 53rd edition, and we notice that many stamps, hitherto unpriced, now have the prices attached. The pocket edition is a very convenient size, is well bound in red cloth, and we believe that its size will be even more popular than the regular edition.

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New Issues. The new United States post card, which will appear next month, is to be smaller in size than the large card now in use. It will replace the three sizes now being issued, and will be new in design. The first of the new issue of Cape of Good Hope has appeared. In design it consists of a figure of Hope resting upon an upright anchor, with a view of Table Bay, Cape Town, and the surrounding hills in the background. The stamp is brown in color, and the design a very attractive one. Austria is preparing a set of unpaid letter stamps with the effigy of the Emperor. The set will consist of six varieties, brown in color, and will be ready shortly. Following the example of Hankow, the City of Catfoo, China, has issued a set of local stamps of five varieties. The new 15c. unpaid letter stamp of Curacao, has just appeared. India is to have a new set of stamps of the value of 2, 3 and 5 rupees. The stamps will be printed in two colors and will be about the same size as the current 5sh. stamp of Great Britain. The 30 and 50c. U. S. postage due are now bright claret in color. Porto Rica is to issue a special 3c. centavos Columbian stamp in commemoration of the discovery of that island. The current French stamps have been surcharged for use in the French post office at Zanzibar as follows: ½ anna on 5c., green; 1 anna on 25c., black on rose; 5 annas on 50c., rose; 10 annas on 1c., bright olive. The 325 and 50 pf. of the current issue of Germany have been discovered in unperforated condition. Holland has issued a 2½ gulden, blue and rose, with the Queen's head. The 1d. Great Britain stamp, surcharged "Oil Rivers," has been cut in two and each half surcharged "½d." The Natal government have surcharged the 1½d. post cards "½d." The ½d. post card of Western Australia is now printed on white paper. The 6d. of St. Helena has been printed in blue, and surcharged "2½d," with a short bar. If we were to say that fully two thousand new varieties have been issued during the past year we would not fall far short of the correct figure. The number of new issues that are constantly appearing, many of them for speculative purposes, is killing the general collection.

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Warning. We desire to warn our readers against a certain R. E. Pentecost, of Aurora, Ill., who has been swindling dealers and collectors all over the continent. On inquiry the postmaster states that this party has left for parts unknown. Mr. W. C. Benson complains of R. Holaar, of Rotterdam, Holland, to whom he sent a selection of scarce American stamps, and although the same were sent over a year ago no returns can be obtained. Mr. Frank Kline, of Spring City, Pennsylvania, warns collectors and dealers against Lachlin Campbell, of Church Point, Nova Scotia, and Ottawa, Ontario. We are taking legal action against E. E. Raub, of Hyde Park, Mass., who has swindled so many dealers and collectors. Parties having claims against him are requested to forward to us full particulars, as it is our desire to obtain all the possible evidence we can against him.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

PERSONAL PENCILINGS.

BY WALTER A. WITHROW.

MR. LEWIS BRODSTONE, the prominent collector of Superior, Nebraska, is at present attending school at Des Moines, Iowa. He has made several 'cycle tours in the past year, and in this way managed to pick up a very respectable lot of United States stamps.

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Mr. C. E. Severn, of Chicago, who won the first prize of fifty dollars, for the best review of Mekeel's Postage Stamp Album of the World, captured the second prize in the second writers' contest of the *Weekly News*.

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Roy F. Greene has "departed for pastures green and new." He recently discovered that writing for the philatelic press did not pay, and that writing for other magazines did. Roy, although he may not be another Howells, will score success, we are sure.

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This will make the third "departure" from the ranks of our philatelic writers. First Quackenbush, then Benton, and lastly Greene. These three now devote their entire time, outside of a necessary time for slumber, to literary work, and although they are heard of occasionally, their articles are becoming less frequent. We are not sure but there are others who would be pleased to step out, if they possessed the necessary qualifications.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

BY NAUTILUS.

IT WAS about ten years previous to this time that the mania for collecting foreign postage stamps, now so prevalent, had just set in, and many an old philatelist can remember with what feelings of joy he, the happy possessor of a hundred used stamps which the owner exchanged with him for a box, a knife, and six quills. This was the first instance of used postage stamps having a marketable value, though even at this date rumors of something wonderful happening to anybody who had patience and folly enough to collect a hundred used penny stamps were prevalent. They were hardly credited even by that much abused species of humanity—the schoolboy.

The youths of this day were by no means inclined to consider a taste for old stamps childish or futile. They held the pursuit to be just as sensible as a taste for numismatics, and far in advance of butterfly collecting and other entomological pursuits.

We have said that the first instance of stamps having a marketable value had its genesis in trading at school; probably the next stage, an easy one, was dealing in schoolboy fashion.

Not long ago we had the pleasure of learning from a non-philatelic source the story, or whatever you choose to call it, of a gentleman whose firm had been in the stamp business nearly four years previous to 1865, and whose trade was equal to that of all other dealers put together. As the story might possibly be interesting to some collectors we will give the tale, but in a condensed form.

About the year 1860 a cousin of the above mentioned gentleman, a boy of thirteen, came to him and asked him if he could exchange some foreign for him. He had none, being then a merchant's clerk, but he noticed that his cousin, even then, was able to purchase stamps from his friends, and suggested that the two should raise as much money as possible and start in business as stamp dealers. To this the young boy readily agreed, and they managed to get £5 with which they began transactions. The way to procure stock, however, was somewhat difficult; used foreign stamps given them by their friends did not amount to much, and they were therefore compelled to write the postmasters of large cities, of foreign countries, and ask them to enclose unused stamps to such an amount, for which they enclosed remittance. As may be supposed a great risk was attached to this method, and many a pound sent out was never heard of again. By advertising in such papers as were likely to give the best returns, a good business soon sprang up, and they found that they could dispose of large numbers of foreign stamps as fast as they could be procured.

A connection gradually sprang up in foreign countries, and they were therefore able to get stamps direct from their correspondents whenever they required them.

Their business gradually increased, and the firm who spent ten shillings a month for advertising at the start, in 1864 spent £360. At this time their stock comprised about 2,000,000 stamps valued at £3,500.

The receipts of the firm were about £300 per month. £100 may be considered a very good profit, yet each of the partners cleared £600 per year.

Here might have been a chance for many an enterprising young man to make a fortune, but stamp collecting was a fleeting fancy, and one bright morning when already to embark in the business, the would-be stamp dealer might have found the taste for stamp collecting entirely flown from the minds of the public. We, however, know that such a thing did not happen.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

OUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

BY CHAS. E. JENNEY.

I HAVE always been very fortunate in my exchange relations with foreign collectors, not in the way of obtaining great bargains at little or no expense, but in finding intelligent collectors who were willing to exchange on fair and equal terms and who understood the comparative value of stamps. Many American collectors complain that they receive ridiculous offers from their foreign correspondents, offering worthless continentals for complete sets United States departments or other valuable stamps. I have never struck such a one yet. All my correspondents have been selected from the advertising and exchange lists of foreign and domestic philatelic papers, those making big offers having been avoided, and those simply asking for exchange with United States collectors, value for value, being usually selected. I have exchanged with collectors in about every country in Europe and have never been obliged to get an interpreter yet to translate my letters, although I can read

only French. Collectors in Russia, Sweden, Italy, Portland, Spain, Switzerland, Greece, Egypt and many other countries, have answered by letters, written for the most part in English and French. This speaks well for the average intelligence of collectors the world over. I received one or two letters in Spanish, Italian and German, but have always been able to make out the sense of them, although I probably did not take a very literal translation. But the majority of letters I have received from Europe have been written in French. It is the language used more than any other in Europe. It is used altogether in France, Belgium and Switzerland.

Another thing I must mention, and that is the good penmanship displayed by the majority of my foreign correspondents, although, perhaps, not so remarkable as that noticed in my United States correspondents, whom I have found almost invariably to write a smooth, legible business hand. I have found several of my foreign friends very fond of seeing all their titles used when addressed, such as president of such and such a society, or major so and so, and they have seemed to feel that I lacked respect for them when I address them simply by their name without putting on their full titles, and in fact I seldom even take the trouble to prefix Mr. or M. In my next letter I would be requested to address Sir William Blank, Lieutenant colonel of Her Majesty's Dragoons, Strawberry Villa, Pountah Road, English Quarter, Bombay, India, etc., etc. This is a sample and is a whole letter in itself. Life is too short to follow this practice, although I do it when requested. Just enough address to enable the letter to reach its correct destination is all that should be required. I have found this relish for titles more noticeable in the English colonies than elsewhere, but, in fact, it is rather an exception than the rule. I exchanged for a long time with a certain baron in Belgium, who never wrote his title at all, and I should never have known it had I not learned it through other sources. It is hard work to get the names of collectors in South American countries even if you subscribe to philatelic papers published in those countries, as most of the advertisers are dealers. I have more than once sent letters to countries in the postal union prepaying all the postage asked at this office, and afterwards received word from the addressee that he had to pay postage due on it. This has happened several times and I have had my letter returned with the postage due stamps on them by the collectors, thus proving their words. Can it be that the letters absorb moisture or dirt in being handled and re-handled and so become heavier. I can explain it in no other way. In some countries a letter from the United States with postage due on it, if not delivered, will be returned to the writer, and he does not have to pay anything to get it back again, even though the foreign due stamps be on it. In other countries the letter is returned to the United States dead letter office and you have to forward the postage due on it before you can get it. I usually send my stamps first when exchanging with foreign collectors, as it saves both time and postage, and have rarely lost a lot, which speaks well for the honesty of philatelists, for there is no international law that could touch them, and even a broad advertisement in the philatelic press would not be of very great harm to an obscure foreign collector.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

THE TREATMENT OF STAMPS.

BY WALTER A. WITHROW.

TRANSLATED from an ancient manuscript recently found in the possession of an Egyptian mummy, supposed to be about two thousand years of age, and modeled especially for *The Canadian Philatelist* by Walter A. Withrow.

For a proper understanding of the article, for scientific articles are proverbially scientific, a series of annotations are added in italics, by the translator, with the hope that they may prove of value, especially to the young collector.

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Too often the collector forgets that stamps are possessed of a sensitive nature and in consequence does not treat them as is their due. In this article I cannot particularize the many indignities heaped upon the innocent, defenseless stamp, and warn you as to the same, but my general advice is, "Put yourself in their, *or its*, place," etc.

In the treatment of postage stamps, too much care cannot be taken, and having had an experience of two hundred years—*It is well to keep in mind that in those days people lived to a very ripe, almost rotten, old age*—with these interesting bits of paper, I propose to give my fellow-beings the benefit of my experience.

One of the greatest crimes of which a collector can be guilty is to break in upon a happy married couple and separate them, tearing away their dwelling, and destroying their dream of domestic bliss. *Although I am not positive, I think that this refers to removing from the original envelo e, and separation of an unsevered pair.*

Another heinous offense, *which should be punished by imprisonment for life*, is the practice of removing from the back of the stamp, the adhesive layer, known as the gum, depriving as it does the specimen of sustenance; for having made an exhaustive study of this matter, I am of the opinion that the stamp draws from the aforesaid gum much nutriment, and to do thus is to deprive said stamp of life. *The gentleman probably makes this fling at Alvah Davidson, who advises collectors to remove the gum from their three-cent pinks, providing, however, that they have any.*

Another point about which collectors are rather careless is the practice of washing or cleansing the face of the stamp with soap-suds. You who have endured the agony of having been washed in this substance can have some idea of the sufferings of the more beautiful and delicate little stamp. *From these two very important facts may be deducted. The Egyptian boy held in mortal horror that alkaline composition known as soap, even to the extent of the American small boy, and that the human has outstripped the stamp in point of beauty within the past two thousand years.*

There is another point which I wish to impress upon your minds and that is to use your best efforts toward the prevention of the practice of perforating stamps. Did it ever occur to you that this operation hurt them? As I understand it, they are irreparably injured. Putting yourself in their places, how would you like to be punctured all around your sides or, if as it often happens, you were not placed under the perforating machine correctly, to be punched full of holes?

From these remarks it may be concluded that the

perforating machine is not of modern origin and also that the operator of the machine was sometimes cross-eyed, as is always the case in the modern times.

Another point upon which I wish to speak and I am through. *Thank heaven!* Collectors should never become angry and abusive in the presence of their stamps. Besides learning the stamps bad habits, the sulphuric charged air will, in some cases, change the color of a stamp. *The five-cents, yellow, United States 1861, is probably referred to in this connection, for this yellow shade will be changed to the common brown color, if exposed to sulphuric air.*

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There was some less important advice in the manuscript, but in the interests of humanity and myself, I will forego the pleasure of translating it. However, since I translated the above it has occurred to me that, as postage stamps were not introduced for some years after the venerable Egyptian's demise, he possibly did not refer to these particular bits of paper, and it may be that he meant to give some advice concerning money, if the slang expression for cash was current at that time.

But, as I do not wish to lose the time I spent in the translation, I have made arrangements with Mr. Staebler for the publication of same, paying him the sum of ten cents for so doing.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

THE PROS AND CONS OF POSTAL CARD COLLECTING.

BY M. MORRIS.

THE collecting of post cards is becoming more general every year. A few years ago one scarcely ever met a Philatelist who collected postal cards, but recently a very large number have embraced this very interesting branch of Philately. I will endeavor in this article to state a few of the reasons why I collect cards, and also why a certain friend of mine does not.

I will first state my reasons for being a post card collector. Firstly, at the present time the price of most cards is low enough to place them within the reach of all. I do not know of more than twenty kinds of cards that are worth over $5 apiece, while most of them range in price from 5 to 50 cents. While every reader of this paper is acquainted with the prices which are paid for some varieties of stamps, there are in reality some thousand varieties which are worth over $10 each. The question of cost has a great deal to do with the size of a person's collection. A stamp collection of ten thousand varieties is not so very unusual, while a post card collection of five thousand varieties is considered a very fine one. Secondly, by being a post card collector I can collect from all over the world. Among stamp collectors nearly every one is a specialist, in one way or another, at the present time, and one of the principal reasons for this is the number of stamps which are necessary to begin to make an album look full, while a specialist only has to complete his favorite country; but to do this he reluctantly has to give up collecting the stamps of the rest of the world, which he as a rule does not like doing. It is not necessary that a post card collector become a specialist, as there are not over eight thousand varieties of postal cards, while there are some fifty thousand stamps in existence. Thirdly, the engraving on the postal card is where the engraver gets in some of his fine art. On the postage stamp there is not sufficient room for him to fully display his skill, and in order to display it he must enlarge his stamp, which has proved a failure, as is amply illustrated by the manner in which the general public received the Columbian issue. In engraving the post card, however, he has all the room he wants. By this I do not mean to say that all the post cards issued at the present time are the finest possible specimens of the engraver's art, for many of them are meant for use and not for show, and consequently have the least possible amount of engraving on them. Such are the cards of the United States, Canada, France, Tunis, etc. The cards of Salvador, Honduras and British Central Africa are some examples of the fine engraving that appears on some of our postal cards. Another argument in favor of postal cards is that they have never been surcharged to any great extent, or counterfeited. A collector of cards does not have to fill his album up with surcharged cards, for cards have not been very extensively surcharged, and those that have been are principally legitimate issues for use in correspondence and not made for to sell to collectors. I know of but one or two exceptions where cards were made for the purpose of selling to collectors, one case of which occurred recently in the cards of Bermuda. Only three of the French colonies have surcharged their cards, while nearly all of the colonies have surcharged their stamps. The collector of cards does not always have to be on the lookout for counterfeits when he is buying cards, for only the cards of Japan, first issue, and Heligoland 1876 5x5 p f green, and this card surcharged in 1879, have been counterfeited, while hardly any varieties of stamps either common or rare, have been exempt from the efforts of counterfeiters.

Now, as to the reason why my friend does not collect cards and my answer to his arguments. In the first place he states that cards are too large to handle readily and too bulky to keep arranged nicely. In reply to this I told him that cards were far easier to handle than the entire envelopes which he collects; as to their bulkiness, a collection of cards can be kept as nicely as a collection of stamps, although I must admit they take up a little more room. However, publishers are beginning to make albums especially for postal cards. Secondly, he stated that they were harder to obtain than stamps and that they contained too many printer's errors. In reply to the first part of this objection I would say that a great many of the dealers in America deal in postal cards, while it is quite easy to obtain the new issues through the purchasing department of the Postal Card Society of America, and the American Philatelic Association. As to the number of errors, a collector is not under any obligation to collect all the varieties of errors although they have a special attraction for me, he may collect only one each of the principal varieties. Still what are the errors on the cards compared with the errors that occur on many of the stamps?

In conclusion I will say that it is my candid opinion that there is more pleasure to be derived from the collecting of postal cards than there is from any other known branch of specialism that exists at the present time.

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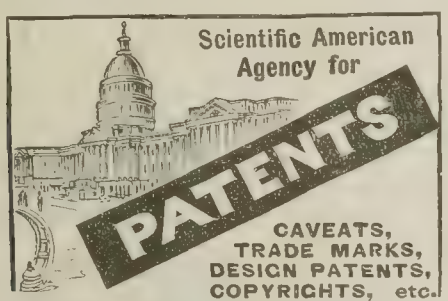

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A BEGINNER'S COLLECTION.

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THERE has been much written upon the subject of stamp collecting, and how to start a collection, but we must admit that suggestions given by another on the subject will always bring more or less light, or change the idea of those who are beginners. I give below a few ideas of my own as to the best and most advantageous methods for a beginner to employ in his collection. By the beginner I mean one whose collection consists of about five hundred varieties. When I first heard of philately I thought that it would take a large sum of money to get some old stamps from the old country, but I followed the rules given me by one who knew by experience the proper way of collecting, and great benefit was derived from the instruction which he gave me.

A beginner should always learn from those who have been collecting a long time, and should never be afraid to ask questions when in difficulty, if it is in his power to do so. It is a pleasure for an advanced collector to assist his younger collecting friends, and as a rule the older collectors are always willing to instruct you how to get along. If there are no other collectors in your town to whom you can apply for advice, a few lines written from time to time to the editor of some Philatelic paper will serve to enlighten you. Again let me urge the importance of reading your stamp magazines carefully, as much useful information can be picked up in this way. In starting, when you hear that philatelic papers are published in the interest of our hobby, you obtain the address of some publisher and send for a sample copy, and in looking over it you will invariably find offers of dealers who will send for the small amount of ten cents one hundred different stamps, or for twenty-five cents one hundred and fifty to two hundred stamps. It is needless to state that you will not get for such a small price rare stamps, yet you will secure a variety which will give you a good start. Almost every day opportunities will be afforded you to add some new varieties to your collection, and when your collection reaches a certain number you will find it to your advantage to obtain a few of the approval sheets of the cheaper class of some reliable dealer and make your purchases in this manner. Approval sheets are generally sent out marked by catalogue rates and a discount of 40% or 50% allowed from the marked price.

Many young collectors collect, regardless of what they are collecting. Revenue and postage stamps are one and the same thing to them. I have met collectors to whom nothing gave such pleasure as a set of those worthless frauds the German locals. I would advise collectors to collect only postage stamps if they are making a general collection, but should they wish to specialize (that is, collect the stamps of only one or two countries), it is better to collect everything in the way of stamps ever issued by the said countries. For a beginner specialism is of little or no use, as never has a collector secured sufficient knowledge in the science of philately to decide intelligently which countries will prove the most advantageous to collect, it is therefore advisable to collect from the world at large. When a collector has obtained some two or three thousand varieties he is then in a position to judge which countries he prefers to collect.

Regarding the choice of an album ; a blank book should always have the preference, when you only have a few stamps, and they should be arranged as tastily as possible. When beginning do not undertake to collect water-marks, perforations, shades and errors. Take only the ordinary varieties, as in your capacity of a beginner you can neither profitably nor intelligently collect these sub-varieties, and at some later date will be plenty of time to employ yourself in studying your stamps and find out that which you have neglected during your early days of collecting. I do not mean to criticise those who immediately on entering the field throw themselves into the first rank, and become an advanced collector at once. There are few who have the talents or means to take such steps.

It is a good idea when you have a small collection to buy your stamps in packets which can be obtained at a very low price. After having selected therefrom those which you have not in your collection the duplicates can generally be exchanged among your friends for others which you need to complete your sets. A collection of a thousand varieties can thus be obtained at the cost of a couple of dollars. Although after passing the thousandth mark a collector is no longer considered a beginner, yet I would advise him to continue collecting in the same way until he reaches the two thousandth mark; then there is time enough to consider the advisability of becoming a specialist or anything else to which your mind may lead you. These few remarks, though crudely expressed and known to most collectors, may prove useful to many who are just entering in the ranks of collectors and for whom this article is written.

In Luxemburg people wanting work have only to make application to the head of the post office department, to have their wants advertised in every post office in the grand duchy.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

STAMPS ON THE STAGE.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

A STAMP man in these latter days of collecting meets with stamps and stamp-collecting in some of its phases where'er he may go.

I have oftentimes wondered if it should be a stamp collector who would locate the long looked for North Pole, if he would not find some trace of stamps thereabouts.

In spite of the fact that I had never expected to see stamps or stamp albums in at least two places, in the church or on the stage, I have recently been made to draw the limits a little closer and made it to include only the church, for but a few evenings since, while attending a comedy by a regular company of artists at our opera house, I was much surprised to see an album with stamps brought out by one of the stars, and which was made to play not a minor part in the play itself.

If it had been a music portfolio, a photograph album, or a volume of poems which was used, this article would not have been written; but the novel idea of introducing to public gaze the much-abused stamp album caused ecstatic thrills of pleasure to enrapture at least one in the audience.

If I remember correctly there was a title to a valuable piece of property on which the plot hinged, and unless a certain bit of information, which had to be conveyed by letter from a foreign land, was forthcoming before a certain day the title to the land was to be made over to the villain and the hero reduced to want thereby.

Now the heroine of the play was a vivacious young lady whom the villain wished to make his wife. Her love, however, was given to a young laborer, poor but honest, and whom you will rightly guess was the hero. She was a stamp collector, and the villain had thought the way to her heart lay in securing stamps for her collection. And so the plot deepens and the play goes on.

One day the love-stricken villain gave to the lady a foreign stamp on a part of the envelope, which she placed in her album, and after a succession of startling events in which the villain succeeded in securing the title to the property, as the letter from the party in the foreign land failed to come. Some one appeared on the scene who had seen the villain destroy a letter which he had secured in some way, and little by little the plot cleared until the curtain raised upon a court room scene, where the villain is arraigned upon a charge of conspiracy or something of that na-

. The witness is sworn who saw the defendant destroy a certain letter, and then the young lady collector is placed upon the witness-stand and introduces as evidence the portion of envelope with stamp affixed and bearing the post mark of the foreign city, and the villain is convicted and made to languish in a felon's cell.

Of course, there are weak points in the plot to be noticed by a collector, such as why the lady collector contrary to all rules, should hinge the portion of envelope in its ragged state into her album instead of soaking it off and making it presentable.

But the fact is proven that philately is making its way into public notice, and a stamp album may be made to play an important role in the eyes of the same public who a short while ago would have derisively laughed at such an innovation.

And who knows but that the remaining barriers may be removed, and in days that are yet to dawn we may receive a glad surprise by seeing a stamp album displayed from a pulpit even as I did the little album and its contents on the stage but a few nights since.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

"WHAT FOOLS WE MORTALS BE."

BY W. A. WITHROW.

Related Before the Smithtown Philatelic Club by George Gauthier, Esq.

I SUPPOSE you have heard of Snipes & Co., 356 Strand, London? Well, I heard considerable of them and I guess my fame must have reached them as a philatelist of the first water, because I got a letter from them one day, asking if I'd go on the road for them, buying up old U. S. stamps.

Of course I was willin', providing I got my price, so I wrote 'em saying I would travel for their house if they gave me my price, which I set at a cool hundred a month, and expenses, and ten per cent of the catalogue value for all specimens found, and I was somewhat surprised to find in my mail, about two weeks later, an answer accepting my offer.

I didn't require cash in advance for I knew the firm to be strictly reliable, and I soon made my preparations for traveling. My wife casually suggested that it would be a good time to go down to Phœnix and visit my old uncle, for I had been hankering for a trip down there for a number of years and was only prevented from making the journey before by lack of funds. As my expenses were paid—or were to be paid—I thought it to be an excellent idea.

So to Phœnix I went. Uncle Hezekiah was very glad to see me; killed the fatted calf, etc., and we had a good time generally. I did not know how the idea might strike uncle, so I was cautious in my inquiries as to what persons had any old correspondence; but as you know, Yankees are proverbially curious, and as uncle was no exception, he soon had me cornered and I was forced to go over the whole rig-a-ma-role, as to how stamps were valuable, why, which, when and where they were collected and were worth the most. Gentlemen, before I got out of there I felt sick of the business, but I remembered the golden shekels which were to be mine and persevered.

I called upon Squire Stonan first and very solemnly stated my business, but no sooner did he know that I wished to overhaul his correspondence than he said:

"No sir! you can't look over my letters, for the first thing I would know a note 'ud turn up with my name forged unto it," and I was compelled to retire, notwithstanding my protestations of innocence.

I went off, and thinking that perhaps I had assumed too serious an expression, making the people believe that, to me, the result was of great

importance, more so "than gettin' a few old stamps, and used ones at that." I assumed a jocular expression when I called at the next house.

Says I, "How-do-you-do, sir. I just dropped in to see if I could get from your letters some of Uncle Sam's stamps."

The granger whom I had addressed shifted his tobacco to the other cheek and after a long wait, during which he examined me from head to foot, he replied:

"Get some of Uncle Sam's Stamps? Well, I guess not! It would be ashowin' him disrespect and him dyin' away out in Californy in '49. No sir! And you'd better drop out right away for if you don't of yourself, I'll help you."

Gentlemen, what was I to do? In a far-off land without hope or cash, I was here stranded. Among hostile inhabitants, who might be reckoned unto the Philistines of old. I became frightened. How I wished I were back home! But I had no money.

A happy thought popped into my head. I would walk! What was seventy miles to a vigorous man like myself? And walk the distance I did. To be sure I reached home minus a hat and with soleless shoes, but I was there and duly thankful therefor.

The next day I set to work to make out my bill, and this is the way it stood:

To four days work at $3.33 1 3.	$ 13 33
To one pair of shoes.	3 00
To one ticket to Phœnix, N. Y.	2 50
To one square meal upon return home.....	1 67
Total..... ....$	20 50

Lot for $20.00.

I waited anxiously for a settlement of the bill, for the fellow that I had borrowed the money of to go to my uncle's on, was pressing me, and I was exceedingly disappointed to receive the following letter:

356 The Strand, London, Eng.,
July 4, 1893.

To Geo. Gauthier, Esq.,

Dear Sir,—Yours received, but as you failed to secure any stamps, we cannot allow your bill.

Yours truly,
SNIPES & Co.

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After this pathetic recital, Noble had the audacity to ask Gauthier if he had lost any flesh from his seventy-mile walk, and upon his applying in the affirmative, Noble said that he would have liked to have seen him before, then.

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NORTHWESTERN HAPPENINGS.

BY BOSWORTH.

St. Paul is a great town for changes. The collectors are as variable as the wind, and their dealers, if such they may be called, are just about as bad. The firm of Nessenson & Lambert ran about two months, then came Nessenson & Beldan, and now it is A. B. Nessenson & Co.

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In your Feb. 8th issue, the correspondent who wrote the Minneapolis notes was "slightly off" when he said that the Columbian issue were not on sale at the post office. If he will leave the girls and Harmonia Hall dances alone for awhile, long enough to trot over and see Mr. Grant, he may obtain all he wants up to the dollar values.

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Friend Gurdy, formerly of Galveston, Texas, must have some attraction in Chicago. He has been there since early in the summer, and although he roars and howls at our wintry blasts, he does not seem to get any nearer to his southern home. Can it be that he intends to emulate the examples of Messrs. Deats, Aldrich, Grevning, et al., and get "tied up" in the windy city?

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I had a letter from one of our old-time northwestern collectors, Bickley, now of New York city. His ardor for "the little bits of paper" is still very strong, and he says he is picking up all snaps that come his way. A little over a year ago a Minneapolis lady, who was also a philatelist, became a permanent resident at his home, and now the information reaches me that the population of Jersey City has been increased by one. It's a girl. All parties doing nicely.

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The *Zenith City Philatelist*, heralded from Duluth, has as yet failed to put in an appearance. We have not heard from Mr. Burns for a month and presume he will not start the paper. *The Minnesota* is reported to be on the ragged edge and should it go under, *The Northwest* will be the sole representative "in these diggings." Yes, boys, it takes money to start a philatelic journal, and a heap more of it to keep it running.

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A. P. S of A. state branch for Minnesota is the latest venture in the society line and its chief promoter is Robt. I. Man, of Mankato, who is state vice president for the Kissenger-Fox-Ashcroft Society.

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Just along this line, we are reminded that the Minneapolis Philatelic Society is a thing of the past. Messrs. Johnson, Greenfield, Achard, Van Gorder and Whitall have resigned, and the president is on the fence and contemplates a like step. Three of the members have moved from the city and the rest never come to the meetings. This isn't right. A city with as many collectors as the Flour City ought to be heard from.

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Omaha is experiencing the same thing as Minneapolis in the local society line, as one of my correspondents tells me it is almost impossible to get the fellows out. Now some people might take this to indicate a decline in philately, but we hardly think it is, especially when the circumstances are all taken into account. The fellows are too anxious to accumulate a number of the 57-cent dollars and will soon see that they are missing quite a considerable by neglecting to assemble occasionally.

The Raleigh 5-cent envelope, entire in superb cancelled shape, changed ownership in 1888, at the Scott Company's 87th sale, for the sum of six dollars.

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EDITORIAL.

The Jubilee issue of Shanghai are purely speculative.

The 1894 issue of Salvador is out. Seebecks' for ever!

We have received the 1894 price list of the Bogert & Durbin Co.

The reprints of Natal are causing quite a sensation among the South African collectors.

We see in a contemporary that Switzerland has issued a 1c. and 4c. adhesive of the current type.

The *New York Stamp* combines its December and January issue as one in order to catch up with Father Time.

It is said that the current 1l., 2l., 5l., 10l. and 20l. unpaid letter stamps of Greece exist unperforated.

The 1894 issue of the Ecuador both of the regular type and official are out. The design is very poor.

The first edition of 8,000 copies of Scott's 54th edition catalogue has been exhausted and a second edition is being printed.

The latest Portuguese colony is Lourenqo Marquez, which place has issued a 2½ reis stamp of the current colonial type.

We received the new issue of British North Borneo and they are without a doubt the prettiest set of stamps that have ever been issued.

According to the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* a 2½ reis of the colonial type has been issued bearing the name of Portuguese Congo.

The 2 pence Queensland, surcharged 2½ pence, is reported to be a fraud. As this information was derived from an official source it should be correct.

At a recent meeting of the National Philatelic Society Mr. George H. Watson was elected president, Henry L. Callum as treasurer, and Mr. C. W. Grevning as secretary.

It seems that the first issue of Tunis has been reprinted and that they may be had at the general post office at Tunis where a separate window is being devoted to their sale.

Since selling the *Eagle Philatelist* Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer is issuing a small pamphlet semi-occasionally, which he calls *Wolssiffer's Specialties*, and supplies free of charge to all regular customers.

We have seen the new issue of Roumania and find a design of the same about as tame as ever. They all contain the king's head in oval, except the 1½b and 25b., in which the head is in a square.

The Recreation Echo is a monthly paper which devotes a considerable amount of its space to philately. It is published at Knoxville, Tenn., and poorly printed although its reading matter is fair.

The International Philatelic Press Agency, of 86 Leadenhall street, Forest Gate, Eng., who for some time were well known through the publication of the *Stamp Collector*, have left their former office for parts unknown.

We have received the annual issue of *The American Philatelist* and year book of the *American Philatelic Association*, for the year ending Feb. 5, 1894. We consider that this form of the publication is far more sensible than a monthly issue.

Mr. N. F. Seebeck, the controller of the Seebeck issues, referring to the cancelling of the contracts with the Honduras Government, states that the cancelling of the said contracts is simply a black-mailing scheme on the part of the Government.

The officers for 1894 of the New York branch of the Sons of Philatelia are as follows: President, Dr. P. Allen; Vice President, W. Wurts; Treasurer, J. B. Brevont; Secretary, D. W. Leeper; Librarian, A. G. Rich; Exchange Superintendent, C. W. Grevning.

The new triangular stamps of Liberia have appeared and are very pretty. The regular issue is printed in black with a scarlet center, and the official stamp is printed in lilac with a green center and surcharged "O. S." Both stamps are of the 5c. donation.

It would seem as if there was no law in Belgium against illustrating the current issues of that country. We notice that all our contemporaries in that country illustrate the new Sunday stamps. If this is allowed how easy it would be for unscrupulous parties to forge the stamps.

We have received from Mr. A. B. Merrill, of Everett, Mass., a copy of his *Fraud List* which is a very useful book, containing as it does the names and addresses of a large number of philatelic frauds. A large number of pages are left blank for additions. The book is sold at 25c and may be obtained at the above address.

A Portuguese collector writing to *The Monthly Journal* assures the editor that the government is not printing fresh editions of its obsolete stamps for the purpose of surcharging them, but he does not doubt that all the values of the new issue will be brought out before the old stocks are exhausted, and we may consequently expect to see surcharged specimens of the whole set.

The forthcoming work of the *Philatelic Society of London* is being looked forward to with interest. It is to deal with the British Colonies and Possessions in Africa; but it is not known when it will appear. This book will contain the result of the labors of the society during the past year, and, as all other works published by the society, it will be greatly in demand and be a very useful work.

We see by Stanley Gibbons' monthly paper that Mr. D. A. King writes them to the effect that the Canadian Pacific railway employs a sheet stamped with a current 1c. wrapper die, upon which is printed the monthly receipts and expenditures for transmissions to shareholders; the paper is bluish grey, but this is hardly an official variety, although it is well that its existence should be noted.

In a recent issue of the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, when referring to our Hand Book No. 5, we mentioned the fact that the said book would be ready on the 31st of February. We are now glad to announce that we shall not have to keep those who have ordered the book waiting that long; most of our readers will notice that this was an error and that it should have been Feb. 28th.

The Melilla military stamps are pronounced by *Der Philatelist* to be frauds. According to this paper some speculator had these stamps engraved and printed and then delivered them to the soldiers, whom he supplied free of charge. All letters of the soldiers that are cancelled with the regimental cancellation stamp are entitled to free delivery, and consequently no stamps are required. It seems probable that this is the correct explanation of this issue.

The annual banquet of the New York branch, Sons of Philatelia, was held on the 26th of January; the following report of the same is taken from the *New York Standard:* "The second anniversary of the New York branch, Sons of Philatelia, was celebrated by a banquet at the Columbia restaurant on Jan. 26th. There was, unfortunately, a smaller attendance than expected, and those who failed to be present missed a fine evening's pleasure. The dinner, which consisted of eight courses, was of excellent quality, and the service was up to the high standard of the Columbia. After the guests had partaken of the dinner, speeches were called for from the vice-president, W. Wurts, who presided in the absence of the president, and Messrs. J. B. Brevoort, Chas. W. Grevning, D. Lepeer, N. Nieschbourg and Alvah Davison.

From our Special Correspondent.

CHICAGO NOTES.

BY CHRIS PETERSON.

The case against *George J Byrnes*, which was put into the hands of *post office inspector Fleming*, is still being worked up, and chances are that the accused party will learn a new trade in prison before long. By the number of letters which are now being held at the post office, directed to accused party, it seems that quite a number were taken in, dealers and collectors alike. The case was, however, in the hands of the secret service before the party got much cash.

SOME PHASES OF LIFE

Is an interesting article written by C. E. Severn in *The Chicago Evening Journal*, Saturday, Feb. 17th. So has our philatelic brother graduated from an amateur to a professional newspaper writer?

The C. P. S. held their regular meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 15. A large number of members and visitors were present. Quite a number of applications were posted, and the society is rapidly rising, as well in growth as good standing. After the regular routine of business, the 29th auction sale took place. The bidding was very spirited and the department stamps especially brought good prices.

A Philatelic Circular is published by P. M. Wolsieffer, 75 State street, Chicago, and is mailed free to all applying for it. It is published to advertise Mr. Walsieffer's specialties, and also gives some very valuable information on United States envelopes.

The editor of the *Puritan Philatelist* wishes to thank his many friends and patrons for their kind wishes and congratulations on the appearance of the paper. Next number will appear in May, in which some great improvements will be made. It will be printed in three languages.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of an introduction to *Mr. E. B. Powers*, the other evening. Mr. Powers hails from Denver, Colorado, but has engaged quarters in the *Masonic Temple* to carry on the wholesale business of imported cigars. He makes a specialty of British Colonials. He put in an application to the *Chicago Philatelic Society* and was quite an extensive buyer at the last auction sale.

An article appeared in the *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* that Columbians had taken quite a drop in this city. However, the correspondent who furnished the news was offered a good price for his whole stock of Columbians, but refused to sell. The firm of Pierce & Peterson have been offered greatly advanced prices for their whole stock of Columbians, but the demand is very large for them, and in a very few weeks they will be worth double.

The resignation of one of the *Board of Trustees* of the *P. S. of A.*, has been accepted with regrets. Mr. Kissinger, president of the *Philatelic Sons of America*, has appointed Mr. J. A. Pierce as Mr. Glass' successor.

Mr. J. P. Glass is sending in his resignation to all *Philatelic Societies*, and he says it is his intention to relinquish Philately entirely. We shall very much miss him as a brother of the cause, but still more so as a writer His Philatelic writings are interesting and instructive.

Mr. Wm. Rowley, agent for the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., of New York, has removed his stock of coins and stamps to 107 Clark street, in the rear. Mr. Wendt is also back at his old quarters on Clark street. This makes Clark street the stamp town and the centre of attraction for stamp collectors.

On the 12th of February, Chicago was visited by one of the worst blizzards ever known in this city, and after this the 12th day of this month will be known as *blizzard day*. The snow was piled up mountains high and all transit stopped and mail greatly delayed, which made business rather dull for a couple of days, but the last of the week business was good considering the hard times.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

COLLECTORS VS. PHILATELIC WRITERS.

BY W. J. SABOURIN.

PHILATELIC literature has advanced wonderfully during the past three or four years, and we now have in our ranks many writers who are constantly giving to the collecting world useful hints pertaining to the study of philately. We must venture the assertion that the articles of to-day have reached the highest standard, not only in the eyes of those who are interested in our hobby, but also to outsiders. Never before have we seen so many take an interest to further the study of stamps as at the present time, and also to the surprisingly large number of names which are being added to the already overflowing list of the different philatelic societies. The science of stamp collecting has come to stay, and its devotees are increasing by thousands every year.

Have publishers been idle in their work? Take a glance over all the philatelic papers which have been published during the last fifty years and you cannot but say that each has done his best to promote and push forward the interest of philately. It is the next thing to impossible for a publisher who has pluck enough to enter into the publishing of a stamp paper, to do otherwise than work hard and insure the interests of his followers and supporters.

In every philatelic paper published in the present day we have a great deal of reading matter from the pens of our most prominent collectors in all parts of the world. America stands first for the number of writers of philatelic subjects, and the amount of work brought out; while the publications of the Old World, though not so numerous, are usually of a more important nature, and the result of considerable scientific research study and investigation.

Editors have and will continue to do their duty towards giving their subscribers only such reading

matter as they deem would interest them. The poor author has also passed many a lonesome night trying to compile something that will be acceptable to the troublesome editor; and then what benefit is it to him. He will sometimes receive for his pay an advertisement in the paper he is writing for and throw himself open to the criticism of some scores of writers who do not happen to agree with him in his studies. Do our writers practice what they teach, or are they only writing to fill space in papers? Upon reading many of the articles which are thoughtlessly accepted by our publishers, I am inclined to the opinion that a good many authors do not write for the good they may do, but as I have before said, to fill space. The publisher sends out his sample copies. A great many collectors who are not subscribers to any publication will cast it away into the waste basket, or lay it aside on the shelf without so much as looking through it. A collector who has at heart his hobby will not do this, but will look it through to find out what is interesting, and no matter how advanced he may be, there is always some new things to learn.

The majority of our writers have done all they could towards benefiting the collecting world in the past, and if they continue their labor of love, we may expect to enter into even a greater era of prosperity than that of the past few years. What encouragement have they received from us for their good work, and what benefit have we derived from it? If all the articles written were read twice, collectors would not be ignorant of so many important questions as they are.

In concluding, I would urge every collector to subscribe to several good philatelic publications and read carefully the articles which are written in the interest of our hobby.

If collectors would do this there is no doubt but what a great change would take place; if they would but consider the rights of those who are anxious to prove useful to philately; and I cannot think of any who are doing more to advance our interest than our philatelic writers and publishers.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

"MY MONKEY."

BY CAPT. MILDMAY.

THERE'S nothing that's half as splendid as a real live monkey, and I have always thought I'd rather be a monkey than a millionaire philatelic publisher.

I have got the loveliest and most beautif little monkey that ever lived, and if you don't believe me you can just come and see him. This is how I got him. One day a woman with a monkey and an organ came in our yard. I guess she was an Italian, but she could speak a sort of English. I asked her what she wanted for the monkey, and she said, "The murderin' scalpeen of a monkey; begorra its three dollars I'd be selling him fur." I said I hadn't the money but that I would see if I couldn't get her something that she would take instead.

I went up-stairs to Sue's—that's my sister—room and got a lot of things: first I got Sue's seal cap and her two best dresses, then I hunted around and got all the gloves and collars that I could fine, I also took some of the rings that Mr. Smith gave Sue. I thought this was not enough to give for the monkey, so I got ma's best bonnet and coat. I took all the things down to the woman and she said I could have the monkey for them. You just bet I jumped at the offer.

The woman did not stop and play the organ as I thought she would, but went away as fast as she could, I suppose it was because she thought the monkey might want to follow her.

Sue gave an awful shriek and fainted right away when I told her how I got the monkey. Any other girl would have been pleased and thanked me for all the trouble I had taken. Sue says she will perfectly die if I'm in the house another week. I wonder what people look like when they perfectly die.

Father's been away for a week, but he is coming home in a few days, and won't he be delighted when he finds a monkey in the house?

It was on Monday I got the monkey, and by Wednesday everybody began to treat him coldly. It began with Sue, she was sitting in the parlor with Mr. Smith. Jocko—that's the monkey—was there too, but they did not see him. Sue was showing Mr. Smith her stamp book, but they soon forgot all about stamps. The first thing I knew, Jocko was on the back of the chair and pulling Mr. Smith's hair out. He thought he was doing right for he had seen the cook pull the feathers out of the chickens. I never got such a fright in my life, for, as true as I write this, Mr. Smith's scalp came off in Jocko's hand. I thought Mr. Smith had been killed, but he was not, for he jumped up grabbed his scalp, stuffed it in his pocket and ran out.

When Mr. Smith jumped up, he knocked down Sue's stamp book, but I don't suppose he meant to; when Sue picked it up she was awful angry for the cover had been knocked off.

Pa came home that day and seemed quite pleased with the monkey. In a little while he caught him lathering himself with the mucilage brush and with a paper-knife all ready to shave himself. Pa just laughed and told me to take good care of him. I was dreadfully pleased to find that father liked Jocko; but I was only deceiving myself for his liking did not last long.

It all happened in this way. Father is a post card collector, and has three big boxes full of post cards. In the evening he had been looking at them when some one called him. It was half an hour before he got back, and when he did he found Jocko sitting on his desk; Jocko had torn up a lot of post cards and thrown them all over the floor, and was covering a lot of others with ink, making believe he was writing. Father was just raging, he caught Jocko by the neck and threw him in a closet and locked him up. I don't know what became of my lovely monkey for I never saw him after that night.

I haven't any monkey now, and I don't suppose I'll ever have another. I don't care what becomes of me, it seems as if everything beautiful must disappear and I suppose I'll go next.

Some of these days when I am dead, they will begin to understand they are just wasting away a boy, or a monkey, who always tries to do his best; then let them find the monkey and bring us together.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

"HE SPECULATED."

BY LEO. WAGNER.

FRED STAMPSY was standing at the corner of Beaumont and Olive streets, impatiently waiting the arrival of a car that seemed to come down the street at an exasperatingly slow rate. He wanted a ride on that car, and wanted it badly, if his restlessness indicated anything.

Jack Leeward came down Beaumont, and tapping Fred on the shoulder, greeted him with :

"Hello, Fred! What are you doing? Watching the cable to see if its going to break?"

"No," said Fred, "better than that," at the same time flashing a set of Executive stamps before Jack's eyes. "I'm going to make a bundle off these."

"Ah I see," replied Jack, "buy low and sell high is the game."

"I'm going better than that, too Here's my scheme," said Fred, confidentially. "Lavish runs in the third race at Guttenburg. I've got a sure tip on him to win and it's a splendid chance to turn one set of Executive into a half dozen. I'm on my way to M——, the dealer, to get the necessary cash."

"Didn't know you had turned gambler," said Jack.

"Gambling," said Fred, "why there's no risk at all. It's a regular lay down. Get your tickets and cash them is the size of the whole job. Come along."

"Don't care if I do go along, just to second you and see fair play," assented Jack.

The stamps were realized on and the pair got into the pool room in time to see the odds posted on the third race. Among the entries was Lavish, quoted at 10 to 1. If Lavish wins the race, Fred will win $10 for every $1 he puts up. Fred bought a ticket which read $100 to $10.

Jack took the opportunity to do a little talking while Fred got his ticket.

"What do you think of Lavish?" he asked a young fellow in striped collar and cuffs.

"Don't mention that dog to me," came the reply. "Of all the skates that ever ran around a race track, Lavish lays over all of them."

Sidling up to a fellow with a cape overcoat and a Roman nose, Jack remarked:

"Not hard to pick the winner in this race."

"Easy mit a pig E, mein frent. Shack Rose has got dees race in a walk. I have got my spark up on it."

"Fred, I'm afraid your in the tureen," said Jack when they got together again.

But Fred's confidence could not be shaken. He seemed to have some mysterious information.

Above the hum of the crowd came the cry of the man at the telegraph instrument:

'They're off at the Gut, to a good start, Lavish in the lead.

"What did I tell you," said Fred.

"Lavish at the quarter, Kirsch second, Jack Rose third."

"Talk about a lay-down," said Fred, triumphantly.

"Lavish leads at the half by a length, Jack Rose second, Woodchopper third."

"Where do I get my money?" asked Fred.

"Lavish in the stretch, Lucy Clark second, Jack Rose third."

"Easy money," Fred says, as he nudges Jack.

"They're coming under the wire. Ma Belle wins, Lucy Clark second, Lavish third."

When Fred got over the dreadful shock, he remarked: "Jack, I'm going to abjure this kind of speculating for ever. Hereafter I will speculate only in the stamps of Roman States, Bergedorf and Monaco. It is safer."

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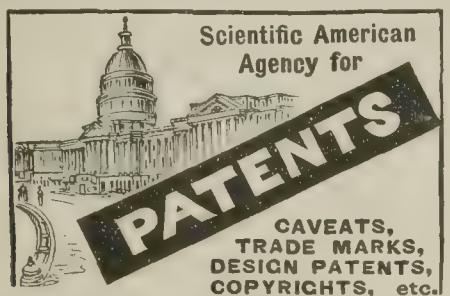

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ABOUT POSTAL CARDS.

BY A. O. EAST.

THE editor has requested me to furnish the readers of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST with a few jottings each month in reference to the collecting of postal cards, and I feel that this new department is one which will be appreciated by the readers of this journal, as post card collectors have been increasing very rapidly of late. Regarding my notes on the subject I do not claim that they are all original, yet I shall gather from various sources only such matter as I believe will interest my readers.

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Perak has issued two new cards with the tigers head, which appears on the stamps. They are 1c. green, and one by 1c. reply.

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I see by *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, that a postal card sent from Berlin to Bremen was returned after eight years, and as it had become obsolete in that time 10 pf. postage due was charged.

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Travancore has issued a reply card similar to the single cards now in use. The card is folded at the top and perforated : eight by eight cash, pale red on buff.

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Every post card collector should join *The Post Card Society of America*, which is the only Society in the world devoted solely to the interests of card collectors. It is also one of the few societies whose benefits are real. In many societies the benefits exist only in the minds of the officers. Mr. Geo. H. Watson, of 223 W. Grand St., Elizabeth, N. J., will supply application blanks and additional particulars on application.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

NEBRASKA NOTES.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

Cleve Scott was offered the unsevered pair of Livingstone, Alabama, locals that were afterwards discovered to be counterfeits. These were offered him by the New England Stamp Co., but had he purchased them the money paid would have been refunded, as the New England is one of the firms that a man runs no risk in dealing with.

Louis Brodstone's article in the Christmas *Pennsy.* favoring the holding of the next P. S. of A. convention in the west, has been well received by Nebraska collectors. Every effort possible will be made to have the convention held in our section of the country.

Ed. W. Wilkinson, of Lincoln, who has heretofore contributed liberally to the philatelic press under a *nom-de-plume* will hereafter use his own name. Mr. Wilkinson is a forcible writer, and I am surprised that he has not decided before this to come out from behind the concealment of a pseudonym.

In a letter recently received from a prominent Nebraska collector he states that he knows of one case at least in which the experiences of a man have been similar to those of my hero in the poem, "What Philately did for Revolla," which appeared in the Christmas *Pennsy.* In the case he mentions, a philatelist knew a young lady, but was not particularly impressed with her charms until he discovered that she collected stamps. And then —well, a wedding is to occur in the near future.

I notice, in reading a recent copy of the *Fullerton Journal*, that Dr. J. S. McAllister, of that place, recently went down to Genoa and extracted a lot of teeth without pain. (Whether without pain to himself or the patient is not stated.) The Doctor is quite a pooh bah. Besides a wholesale trade in stamps, coins and souvenirs, he is a dentist, a physician, and he runs a photograph gallery.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

THESE ARE NOT PHILATELISTS.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

SINCE the question has arisen as to the qualifications and necessary attributes of a philatelist, as to who has the right to that cognomen and why, it would not be amiss to air my views as to the class who should be denied the name and my reasons therefor.

The word *philately* has been defined as "the love of stamps," and necessarily a PHILATELIST must be *one who loves stamps.*

The person who collects stamps with the sole object of pecuniary gain, of realizing a profit on his investment, cannot lay claim to the title of philatelist, for it is a love of money, not of stamps, which prompts him to accumulate these treasures, and it would be sacrilege to allow him to use the name.

The writer for stamp journals, who is for ever playing the role of pessimist, continually prophesying the decline of our hobby through cross fancied or real, whose articles have a tendency to make us think less of our hobby rather than to love it the better, surely he can lay no claim to the title, philatelist.

If his love of stamps was deep and unswerving he would magnify the virtues and overlook the vices of our pursuit.

The collector who only imbibes pleasure from his album and stamps in the sequestered seclusion of his own room, who has never spoken a good word for the pursuit, who never comes out boldly and acknowledges his allegiance to the fair Goddess, but who acts as though he were ashamed to let the fact become known, shall we speak of him as a philatelist? Shall we allow him to wear the laurels which belong solely to those who fight the battles and proclaim the virtues of our Goddess Philatelia?

There must be an element in his makeup which makes love subservient to pride, and the fear of being ridiculed for his passion makes him play an inglorious part. Surely we shall not call a being with a lack of stamina a true philatelist.

It has seemed to me that a true love of stamps carries with it a brotherly feeling for all those associated with him in the pursuit. An affection which overlooks errors, which turns a deaf ear to bickering and strife, and which exerts a benignant influence upon the individual and elevates as well as instructs.

Thus the true philatelist, whom we shall consider worthy the name, shall treat with disdain all covert attacks upon his brothers in the hobby. Shall spurn with contempt the political intriguer and disbeliever in the potent influences of our hobby towards the elevation and enlightenment of those who embrace it.

And it follows as a sequence, that those of the opposite complexion we cannot, in justice to ourselves, and with the proper respect for our hobby, and the delightful Goddess who rules o'er us all, bestow upon these the honored name of philatelists.

Of course these are only opinions, others may look at the matter in a different light, and the subject is at least open to discussion.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

"WHAT FOOLS WE MORTALS BE"

BY WALTER A. WITHROW.

AT the succeeding meeting Rogers told his tale:

"A few years ago, when I was a "kid," I thought that anything I did not know about stamps was hardly worth studying over. At that time I had not all the cash I desired, for of course I would have purchased some Executives, dollar value States and such trifles.

About this time also was it that I cast about me for a means to replenish my attenuated treasury, and it occurred to me to turn my talents in the philatelic line to some purpose. I soon hit upon an idea, and it rebounded and struck me very forcibly.

I knew the first perforated issue of Canada was much scarcer than the unperforated series issued before it, and it occurred to me that as the perforated issue was so much desired by collectors that it would be an excellent idea to earn some money, and, at the same time, give collectors what they were pining and wasting away for the lack of.

So it was that I soon laid in a good stock of unperforated Canadians, particularly of the three and six pence values, the majority being on the original cover. I bethought me of the best means to perforate these stamps, for, although I did not care how it was done, I recognized the fact that good imitations of the regular perforation was desirable. Although there will be no difference in a stamp, simply because of a few perforations, thought I, it will be best to give my fellow collectors the worth of their money.

I finally selected a darning needle, not because it was the best means, but rather because no other means was available. I longed to see how a stamp would look when perforated, that is, a Canada six pence, and in my hurry I entirely forgot that there should be twelve perforations in the space of a millimetre. Catching sight of a smile on Brown's countenance, Rogers realized that he had made a mistake, and he hastily said "I mean in the space of five millimetres."

Of course that stamp was spoiled, which meant two dollars But I was not discouraged, and said to myself, "Rogers, old boy, you're in for it now. You must retrieve your lost fortune," or rather I meant that two dollars, and so the next time I was exceedingly careful. I marked off the distance on the margins and carefully pricked the holes with the darning needle, but the result did not come up to my expectations, for the holes were but temporary, and when the stamp was pressed the holes filled up, instead of making the mathematical cut hole of the perforating machine.

I thought of going to our local printing office and getting the stamps perforated, but soon gave up that idea and eventually the whole job. But I was not discouraged and soon another popped into my head. Try the provisionals, was what it said.

Here the narrative was interrupted by Gauthier, who claimed that he was sleepy, and that it was time to go to bed, and he added, looking over at Rogers, "You might continue that yarn at the next meeting. It will give you more time in which to *enlarge* upon the subject." And it was unanimously agreed to give Rogers the floor at the next meeting, that he might conclude his story.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

OTTAWA NOTES.

BY W. J. SABOURIN.

Mr. Edgar Nelton, the well known Canadian philatelist, was in town last week with the famous "Zera Zemon Co." He had in his possession a lot of rare pence issues, which he exhibited in the window of a popular drug store, during his stay in this city.

A 1 sh. Nova Scotia postage, owned by an Ottawa member, was put up at auction at our last meeting, but it could not be bought for seven bills of ten dollars each. It was a very fine specimen.

I received on approval, from several U. S. dealers, officially Sealed stamps of the U. S. black on white, and every week the postman brings more. Surely the 3c. Canadian postage is worth more than those labels. The other day in opening a letter I came across forty of them, and the dealer could swear that $1.25 for the lot was a bargain. I will not be able to return them if they continue to come in, as it will take too much postage. Money spent in buying such stuff is money lost, they are not worth 5c. a thousand to collectors.

Fifteen members were present at the last meeting of the Ottawa Philatelic Society, and a great deal of business was done about the exchange department, etc. Mr. Nelton was introduced, and the city boys were glad to meet him and look at his treasures.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

THE MAN WITH THE STAMP ALBUM.

BY H. E. FRENCH.

HE HALTED in front of a stamp dealer's office and drawing from under his coat a parcel he inquired of the dealer who sat by the door.

"How's trade?"

"Pretty fair for hot weather," was the answer.

"Are you open for bargains?" continued the stranger, as he opened the parcel and presented one of Scott's first edition stamp albums, which seemed to have been kicked about the house ever since the close of the war.

"Humph," said the dealer as he contemptously surveyed the album.

"You may 'humph' and 'humph' and 'humph' all you want to," exclaimed the stranger in a loud voice. "But if you want to invest in an article that will sell, this is the article."

"I don't think I want to invest."

"You don't?" Gracious goodness! but I took you for a man of talent and enterprise."

"There is but little sale for stamps or stamp albums this time of year."

"I know it is a little late, and therefore I am willing to throw off something. I shouldn't have the face to ask over 50 cents for this here stamp album."

"And I shouldn't want to pay that price," replied the dealer.

"You wouldn't? Merciful stars, but is it possible you would take bread from the mouths of starving children, my innocent darlings, who don't know a stamp album from a bologna sausage."

The dealer was silent and the stranger pressed the precious album to his breast and continued.

"I'll go before any court in the land and take a solemn oath that this is one of the best albums offered in the market for the past fifteen years.

"I don't think I want to invest in any just now," quietly replied the dealer.

"You don't? Is it possible that you will deliberately let this great bargain slip through your fingers? No, I can't believe it. Dozens of dealers in this city want this album—want it so bad that they can't keep still. But I was recommended to come to you and I am here."

"It don't quite suit my fancy," said the dealer, as he glanced at it the second time.

"It ain't? Here mister, shoot me, draw your revolver and send a bullet right through my quivering breast."

He dropped the album and held his coat and vest open, but as the dealer didn't shoot, he presently picked up his merchandise and continued in a sad voice. "Mister, do I look like a pirate, a robber, or a liar? Do you suppose I would go and tell you a deliberate lie and peril my chance of ever being at rest for the sake of selling you this album?"

"No, I suppose not," replied the dealer, leaning back in his easy chair.

"Oh no, I wouldn't. I ain't purty, and I don't wear many store clothes on my person, but I'm honest—yes, as honest as the day is long. If I should so far forget my early training as to tell you a lie about this album, I never could enjoy another night's rest, never."

"Well, I guess I don't want it," said the dealer.

"Heavens, is it possible you will let me return to my loving wife and fond children without bread to appease their hunger? Will you deliberately and wilfully sit there and see me tie this up and walk away, when I am offering it to you for one-half its value."

"You can, perhaps, sell it elsewhere."

"I know I can. I know a dozen dealers who want it; but they are not men of your reputation. When you hand me 50 cents I know it is a genuine scrip and go away satisfied. The others might pass counterfeit money on me, and I might be arrested and jailed and my family be exposed to the scorn of this cold world."

"I don't wish the thing," again replied the dealer, "but if your family are suffering for the want of food, I'll give you 15 cents for it and throw it back in the loft."

"Fif-fifteen-fifteen cents!" exclaimed the stranger, dropping the album and springing off the steps. "Now let the angels look down and weep. If life has come to this let me die at once."

"The dealer picked up the newspaper, and the stranger waited two or three minutes, sighed heavily and then handed out the album and sadly said:

"Take it and give me the paltry pittance. I am going home to die in the bosom of my family. I'll gather them around me once more, take a last farewell, and then I'll drop in the turbid river and be seen no more."

The money was handed him and he passed down the street two blocks, turned to the left, and as he kicked open the blind door of a saloon, he said to the bar tender: "Grog for one and fill the glass chuck up."

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EDITORIAL.

The 5 ore green, Sweden, is said to exist tete-beche.

Mr. H. F. Mooers, of Kingston, Canada, states that the P. S. of C. is defunct.

Messsrs. A. Cameron & Co., of Jersey, Eng., have favored us with a copy of their wholesale list No. 9.

The current 5 ore wrapper of Denmark is now printed in a yellow-green color, in place of the old blue-green shade.

The Mekeel Company have just published another edition of 25,000 copies of their *Stamp Collector's Souvenir.*

A man in Ottawa offers $100 for a 12d. Canada. If anyone is fortunate enough to obtain one it is not likely they would sell at that price.

M. Maurice Renoy, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, will shortly issue a new monthly philatelic paper, to be called *The Buenos Ayres Postal.*

We shall have to advertise several accounts for sale unless payment is soon made. If this paragraph is marked it signifies that you are a candidate.

Mr. E. T. Parker, of Bethlehem, Pa., has favored us with a copy of a neat little book suitable for carrying unused postage stamps in the pocket.

We have received further complaints against R. Holaar, of Rotterdam, Holland, and we now have no hesitation in stating that he should be avoided by all who wish to escape loss.

The genial William Brown, of Salisbury, Eng., is now busy compiling a reference list of the stamps of the Straits Settlement. It will prove very useful to advanced collectors.

We have received a neat little calendar from the Queen City Stamp Company, of Plainfield, N. J. The office boy took a fancy to it, and we believe sent it as a valentine to his best girl.

The Duke of Cambridge is the only member of British royalty whose letters are forwarded free. He secures this privilege through being commander-in-chief of the British army.

It is reported that the firm of D. M. Ferry & Co., of Detroit, Michigan, who are among the largest seed dealers in the world, used some 150,000 3c. stamps in mailing their 1894 catalogue.

It is stated that some 2c. vermilion register stamps were in a safe somewhere in Nova Scotia. Burglars blew it open, and the powder smoke caused the stamps to turn brown. Hence the brown registers.

We see by the daily press that ready sensitized post cards are now being sold by the German Government so that travelers of a photographic turn of mind can despatch prints of the pictures taken to his friends and relatives at home

The *Numismatist* for January comes to hand greatly improved, we must congratulate Dr. Heath upon the success which he has achieved with this paper The issue before us is additionally improved by a new engraved cover.

A new departure in the line of a philatelic paper is the *Stamp Dealers' Advertiser*, published by Messrs. William Cornish & Co., of Walthanstow, Eng. The paper contains no reading matter whatever, and is entirely devoted to advertisements, principally of a wholesale character.

The Nova Scotia *Philatelist* has reached its tenth number. Its typographical appearance is somewhat poor, but the reading matter is up to the standard. We are pleased to see Eastern Canada with such a good representative and trust it will have long life and abundant success.

Penang, one of the Straits Settlements, is situated near the entrance of Malacca Strait. It has a population of 60,000 and is also known as the Prince of Wales Island. It is a place well known to most of our readers through its stamps although its situation may not be known to all.

A writer in the *Philatelic Era* says, "The designs of some of those Native Indian States stamps are enough to stop a clock. A friend of mine recently stuck one on the back of his watch and ——. Oh well, that is what he said any way, and you know truth is stranger than fiction."

Mr. L. S. Graham, of Merritton, Ont., informs us that, as soon as he gets second-class rates, the first number of his paper, *The Canadian Philatelic Journal*, will make its appearance. It is an eight page and cover publication, and the size will be the same as the *Detroit Philatelist*. We wish him success.

Australia has of late sent out several new philatelic papers. Prior to this we had given our Australian brothers credit for having a little more wisdom in this direction than the other English speaking nations, however, when we see them going into philatelic publishing it changes our opinion.

Mr. L. H. Benton has gone to the trouble of counting the number of stamps and cards listed in Scott's 54th edition with the following result: He notes that there are 2,438 postal cards, 231 letter cards and 27,358 varieties of stamps catalogued. It can readily be seen the amount of work that is involved in a work of that nature.

We quote the following choice item from a philatelic paper which was published some nineteen years ago: "Support the stamp periodicals, it is your first duty; without them the dealer cannot advertise his wares, the collector does not know where to make his purchases, or who is reliable and who is a swindler, and he will finally give up in disgust." There is not a little truth in the above, and it is well worth considering. If the above were given more attention how much greater the progress of stamp collecting would be.

Mr. Guy W. Green writes to inform us that a certain item which appeared above his name, and among his notes, in a recent issue of the *Weekly Philatelist*, was not written by him, but by the editor of the above paper. The note in question was a criticism of *The Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, which was somewhat unfavorable to that paper. We are surprised that our contemporary sought to put the item among those of another writer instead of in its proper place, among the editor's writings.

Canada has just adopted a method of keeping track of second class mail matter, similar to that in vogue in the United States. Previously the publisher paid the postmaster for the amount of postage, but now all publishers of periodicals are provided with a book in which, each time they mail papers, they place stamps of the amount of postage, which are cancelled by the clerk. When a book becomes full it is sent to Ottawa and a new one provided. At present the ordinary postage stamps are being used, but a set of newspaper stamps may be issued later on.

We see by the *Philatelic Journal* of Great Britain that Joseph Freudmann, of Bucarest, Roumania, has been arrested for forging stamps. It is said that his imitations were so exact that the greatest experts find difficulty in distinguishing between the forgeries and the originals. The stamps were sold extensively among the dealers of France and England. Bisgan, a Servian, who did the printing, is also in prison. This pair have also forged many other stamps, and the latter party also made false Bank of England £5 notes which were put into circulation by Freudmann, who it seems was in the Roumanian Bank.

Many of our readers will doubtless be sorry to hear that the publication of the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* has been discontinued. The Canadian Post Office department refused us second class rates, and after careful consideration of the matter, we decided that the best course would be to dis-

continue the paper. Eight numbers were issued, and although a comparatively young paper, it had a very large subscription list. We have refunded all subscriptions and take this opportunity of thanking our many patrons for their liberal support of this venture.

In looking over a recent number of the *Quaker City Philatelist* we were considerably surprised to see that the editor was publishing contributions from P. H. Heinsberger, who has had so much from free advertising of late. If our contemporary accepts articles from this party it looks very much as if he was encouraging his fraudulent schemes. We ourselves have recently refused a number of his contributions for the simple reason that we do not desire to have any but reliable parties among our contributors and advertisers. Every paper should take this stand, even though they lose money by it.

The thirty-eighth auction sale of Messrs. Ventum, Bull & Cooper will take place on the 19th, 20th, 22nd and 23rd of February, beginning every evening at 6 p. m. The catalogue illustrates the rarer varieties which are being offered. Among these are the 4c. Vaud; Winterthur, block of four; Zurich 4r. (the five types); Naples, ½t., arms; Woodblock errors; Spain, 1851, 2 reals, unused; Canada 12d, used; Tuscany, 3 lire; Moldavia, 108p.; U. S. A. 1869, 90c.; Newfoundland 1/-, etc. The stamps comprised in this sale are among the finest ever offered by this firm. In addition to the above there are a large number of stamps which are equally as rare. We expect to have a list of the prices realized at this sale for our next issue

Some of our readers will doubtless be pleased to know the exact number of Columbian stamps issued. The *Metropolition Philatelist* gives the following figures: 439,253,350, one cent; 1,461,290,750 two cent; 11,223,850, three cent; 18,027,600, four cent; 35,248,050, five cent; 4,330,250, six cent; 10,650,650, eight cent; 16,485,260, ten cent; 1,547,790, fifteen cent; 600,300, thirty cent; 200,710, fifty cent; 55,520, one dollar; 24,079, two dollar; 19,331, three dollar; 18,469, four dollar; 19,035, five dollar; a total of 2,000,000,000 stamps, the face value of which was $40,077,950. These figures are supposed to be correct, and at any rate we believe them to be tolerably so. The above will also be a subject for study to any ambitious dealer who desires to get a *corner* in Columbians.

A change of venue has been granted J. R. Hooper, and he will be removed from Three Rivers, Que., and be tried in Montreal. Attorney General Hon. T. Chase Casgrain and the crown counsel, Messrs Cornellier and Macmaster, have consented to the change. Hooper will also gladly accept, and the $100, which is necessary for such change, has been furnished. Hooper's reason for accepting the change is on account of his ill health and the firm conviction that, if tried in Montreal, he will pass the ordeal and obtain his freedom. An incident citing the facts of the attempt upon the life of Mrs. Hooper by her husband at Louisville, on September 13th or thereabouts, will be laid before the grand jury in Montreal on March the 1st, and a trial, if a true bill be returned, will take place soon after. Mr. Hooper expects to leave for Montreal about the 26th of this month. This change is very satisfactory to him as he feels confident of acquittal, and of course this is very much pleasanter than if he had to wait till next June to be tried. We trust that the result of the trial will be that he will be exonerated from the charges brought against him.

The fifth annual meeting of the Philatelic Society, of South Australia, was held at the Society's rooms, Hassell's Chambers, on Wednesday evening, October 25th, 1893. The Rev. P. E. Raynor, M. A., President, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. In his annual report the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. L. Peck, congratulated the members upon the flourishing condition of the finances of the Society, whose membership had increased. The exchange-book system, through the agency of which members had the opportunity of inexpensively increasing their collections, had been very successful, notwithstanding the severe handicap imposed upon the circulation of the sheets through the arbitrary imposition by the Post Office authorities of letter-rate postage on the exchange sheets. This expense meant prohibition, so far as the country members are concerned. Notwithstanding that a deputation waited upon the Postmaster-General with reference to the matter; he could not be induced to waive the point, and so a separate selection of sheets had to be prepared for the benefit of the country members. The Exchange Superintendent, Mr. F. C. Krichauff, reported the success of the exchanges. Stamps amounting in value to £446 had circulated during the year, of which £72 worth had been taken by members. The officers were thanked for their services and re-elected. Two new members were elected, and several motions passed relative to the working of the Society.

The 22nd regular meeting of the Buffalo Philatelic Society was held Tuesday, Jan. 16th, 1894, in

the new room in the American block. Mr. Hoyt in the chair and nine members present. The minutes of the preceding meeting were not read. The Treasurer's report, after having been read, was adopted. The Librarian's report was read by Mr. Comstock, Mr. Becker being absent. He reported that several volumes of papers were being bound, and that $1.35 had been spent. Mr. Comstock offered three amendments to the Constitution: First, The consolidation of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. After considerable discussion the motion was lost. Second, That the Governing Committee consist of the officers and five other members. After considerable discussion a compromise was effected, and as a result, the Governing Committee consists of the officers and one outsider. Thirdly, That the office of Auction Manager be dropped; each member should sell his own stamps, and the President to appoint a clerk at each meeting to keep account. The election of officers followed with this result: President, A. L. Becker; vice-president, R. Ashcroft, jr.; secretary, I. M. Cohn; treasurer, I. M. Cohn; librarian, D. Comstock; governing committee, F. R. Hoyt and R. Hubbell. Mr. Shew said too much money was being spent in binding. After considerable discussion a committee was appointed to look into the matter. An auction sale followed. The meeting adjourned at a late hour The society is increasing steadily; two or three new members are proposed at nearly every meeting.

Under the title of "The 2c. Reay and Plimpton," a contemporary gives the following, which may prove useful in distinguishing between their dies: "The periods are square in both the Reay die and in the Plimpton B, C and D, but round in the Plimpton A. Therefore look further, and in the 2c. Reay you will find the center of the 'O' of postage, a plain long narrow oval; the 'O' of two is similar in shape and is crossed by a diagonal line; the figures at the sides are broad and in circles; the head is small and the net work even, while the 2c. Plimpton 'A,' besides the distinguishing mark of round periods, badly made, the net work is uneven and the circles of the 'O's' are round and both show the crossed lines. The 2c. Plimpton 'B' is easily distinguished from these by the figures being large and broad and in ovals, a very large head with a big projection on the front of the bust, the net work is uneven, particularly the bottom, and the round center of the 'O' of postage, showing the crossed lines, while that of the 'O' of two is either plain or shows the crossed lines also, distinguishing it from the 2c. Plimpton 'C,' which is the common die, and is printed in red as well as in brown. The centers of both 'O's' are very small, but oval, with no lines or dots in them. The figures in the side ovals are smaller than in B. Plimpton C is a very rare die and is printed in red, has a diagonal line across the small oval center of the 'O' of 'postage' with crossed lines in the 'O' of one. The head is entirely unlike any of the others, and the lower back line of the bust is very much curved inward, in fact, is nearly the quarter of a circle.

The editor of the *Bristol County Stamp News* has gone to considerable trouble in ascertaining some statistics in regard to Scott's catalogue. Under the heading of "Pertinent Philatelic Paragraphs" he gives the following: "There are 2,438 varieties of postal cards catalogued in the new 54th. Austria, the first country to issue cards (1869) leads the list with 133; being second to accord with the various Provincial dialects, they count up rapidly. Next in order comes Mexico with 112 varieties, many of which are literally (also figureatively) priceless. They are on various colors of card board. Dominican Republic has 78, Luxemburg 74, Wurtemburg 69, Germany 64, Bavaria 59, Uruguay 53, Norway 52, Servia 48, Venezuela and Finland 43 each, France 42, Switzerland 41, Turkey 40, etc. Postals are issued by 63 countries, whereas adhesives are issued by nearly (or perhaps a little more than) five times as many places. There are in this same 54th edition 2,734 varieties of United States stamps listed, besides 87 from the Confederate States. They are divided as follows: Provisionals 32, general issue 151, carriers 30, special delivery 3, newspaper 29, unpaid 19, envelope 298, letter sheet 1, department adhesives 101, department envelopes 54, postal cards 13, telegraph 93, locals 578, document revenues 408, medicine 535, perfumery 69, playing card 28. The total number of postage stamps is 718. Stamps from 16 new places (or at least 16 new names) have been added in the new catalogue. They are Anjouan, Benin, Cavalla, Central American Steamship Company, Dedeagh, Eritrea French Guinea, French India, French Oceanic, German East Africa, Ivory Coast, Mayotte, Mazagan, Niger Coast, Oil River; Port Lagos, Oil River and Niger Coast are identical the latter being a later issue of the former under a new name. There are some heavy postage stamp figures in the new catalogue, and postals and letter cards are not counted in at that. Variety in papers, perforations, plate nos., etc., swell the aggregates wonderfully. Look: Great Britain, 1497 (many envelopes on 14 varieties of paper); New South Wales, 1,048, plate varieties of Sidney views, etc.; United States 718; Egypt, including Franks, 691; Turkey, 659; Mexico, 610; Victoria, 492; etc."

STRAY HUMOR.

Old lady (sharply to boy in drug store)—"I've been waiting for some time to be waited on, boy."

Boy (meekly)—"Yes'm; wot kin I do for ye."

Old lady—"I want a 2 cent stamp."

Boy (anxious to please)—"Yes'm. Will you have it licked?"

Proprietor (of grocery store to boy)—"Well, James, did you make any sales while I was out!"

Boy (proudly)—"I sold 25 2-cent postage stamps."

Proprietor (hopefully)—"Oh well 50 cents is not so bad. Did you put the money in the drawer?"

Boy—"No sir. The lady had 'em charged."

Shrill feminine voice—"What is the cause of the delay of the mails, Mr. Stamp?"

Postmaster (absently)—"Your age, I suppose, same as usual, Miss Sophronia."

Why is a woman's character like a postage stamp? Because one black mark will ruin it.

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Miss Langham—"You Americans use the name of George Washington very frequently, do you not?"

Mr. De Yank—Yes, indeed. Why George Washington has been on every one's tongue since postage stamps were invented."

People sometimes hear odd things on the street cars, observes the Pittsburg *Chronicle-Telegraph.* The other day a sweet young thing in seal furs said to a sweet young thing in dark green:

"Alice, is it true that the Columbian stamps will not be used after this year?"

"That is what I understand," replied the sweet young thing in dark green.

"I'm so sorry."

"Why?"

"You know Frank Simson, don't you?"

"Of course. He went away to college last September."

"Well, we correspond with each other. Did you know that?"

"No; isn't that nice!"

"Yes, but mamma permitted the correspondence only on the condition that she reads the letters. We are so young, you know, and she is dreadfully afraid we'll write love letters to each other."

"What have the Columbian stamps to do with it?"

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Transvaal, 1871, 3d. mauve, rouletted	3 00	1 50
*Queensland, registered, yellow, 1865	3 00	1 50
*Trinidad, 1851, 1d. red, bluish paper	7 50	3 75
*Trinidad, 1851, 1d. brown violet, bluish paper	8 00	4 00
*Trinidad, 1851, 1d. deep blue, bluish paper	7 50	3 75
*Trinidad, 1851, 1d brown, bluish paper		3 00
*Trinidad, 1854, 1d. dull violet	8 00	4 00
*Trinidad, 1859, 4d. grey lilac	7 00	3 50
*Trinidad, 1859, 1sh. blue black	7 50	3 75
*U. S. Interior dept, 1c. vermilion	20	15
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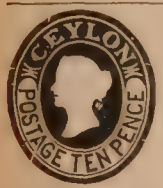

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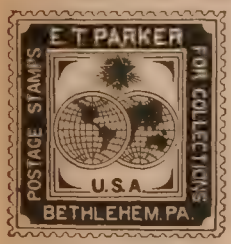

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BY CHRIS PETERSON.

The fourth regular meeting of Chicago Branch, P. S. of A., was held on the evening of March 7th at the Society's rooms. The meeting was called to order by the President C. E. Severn, at 8 p. m. A large number of members and visitors were present. Messrs. S. B. Hopkins, C B. Berggnist and J. A. Pierce were elected for the official board. Mr. T. R. Ferris was elected auctioneer and a sale will be held at each meeting, which will prove of great benefit to members. After the regular routine of business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p. m. Next meeting will be held April 4th, at which a regular spread will be given by the officers, and a social, good time is expected.

Geo. J. Byrne is still sending out postal cards and circular letters all over the United States, several of which have been sent to your correspondent, who has turned them over to Post Office Inspector Fleming. I have received several communications from parties who have sent money to the accused party, but they are nearly all small sums, and will in most cases be returned to the senders, as nearly all Byrnes' mail is held at the post office. There is at present a large amount there. Mr. Fleming informed me that Byrne was under close surveillance by the secret service, but received part of his mail, in order to not suspect anything. His time will, however, be short now, and the party will soon be tried on several charges. Full particulars will appear in my next notes.

Since my last notes I have received considerable evidence against other parties, and unless the affair is straightened up it will be published in the next number. If any reader has information to offer in regard to fraud cases, they will confer a favor by communicating with Chris Peterson, 193 Clark street, Chicago.

The post office officials from Washington were in the city last week, and granted a new post office for Chicago, on which work will be commenced as soon as a site is decided upon. The letter-carriers and post office employes, with brand new uniforms and several brass bands, turned out in honor of the occasion.

Mr. C. E. Severn, the philatelic prize-winner, writes regularly for the Saturday Evening Journal. Six dollars was received for his last article. We wish you unlimited success and cash, and don't forget that supper at Kinsley's.

Chicago had the honor of starting the first branch of the P. S. of A. Now Illinois wants a State branch. There is nearly 100 members here in this State, and they could make a success of it.

Where will the P. S. of A. convention be held? Washington is the favorite place at present, with Denver a close second, and quite a few are in favor of Niagara Falls. Well, Chicago will have her representative in either place.

Mr. P. M. Walsieffer is back in the city for a short sojourn. Mr. Walsieffer is now a rambling news gatherer, and promises us some rambling notes from his next rambling trip east.

Chicago stamp town has another stamp dealer. Mr. S. B. Bradt has located at 262 Clark street, where he will attend to his approval sheet trade. Mr. Bradt has also purchased the Kimbal House cigar stand in connection with his stamp business, and keeps a fine line of imported and domestic cigars, and just to draw trade he gives a cigar free with each purchase.

Mr. E. B. Powers, who is now a member of the C. P. S.. and has an application in the P. S. of A , exhibited his specialty collection at last meeting, which consisted mostly of Queensland and other British colonials. Mr. Powers has a splendid start, and will soon have a fine collection. Mr. Powers leaves next month for a short sojourn in England.

If you are a stamp collector you should join the Philatelic Sons of America—the best society on the continent.

The Columbian craze is now worse than ever. The stamps are all sold out at all the large post offices. and dealers are offering premiums on the unused stamps, and the used ones are selling at face. The four-cent Columbians have just doubled in price since last month. Complete sets are selling readily at $25, and in a short time will bring more.

To J. W. Randolph, of Richmond, Va., the Southerners were indebted for many of the patriotic pictorial envelopes. One of the most common had for its motto:

"On, on to the rescue, the vandals are coming,
Go greet them with bayonet, sabre and spear;
Drive them back to the desolate land they are leaving,
Go, trusting in God, you'll have nothing to fear."

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

NOTES ON CONFEDERATES.

BY ERA.

The officers of the Confederate post office department were John H. Reagan, of Texas, post master general; H. St. George Offutt, of Virginia, chief of contract bureau; B. U. Clements, of Tennessee, chief of the appointment bureau; J. L. Harrell of Alabama, chief of the finance bureau, and W. D. Miller, of Texas, chief clerk of the department.

The building which was used for the Confederate post office in Richmond was fatally destroyed by the conflagration of April, 1865.

One of the most interesting specimens is owned by a western collector and consists of the small 10 center, trimmed to circular shape and cancelled with a fine legible postmark.

A most interesting hand stamp is that of Montgomery, Ala., the first capital of the Confederacy. The design is the usual circle with the figure 5 in the center, "paid" above and T. Welsh below. They are found impressed in both red and blue.

Among the many interesting pictorial envelopes prepared by W. and J. Bonitz, of Goldsboro, N. C. is found on white, manilla and heavy greenish paper. The design is of two charging horsemen with drawn sabres above the motto:

"May the northern lances who abuse their southern neighbors
Approach near enough to feel the point of our sabres.
May they come near enough to hear the click of a trigger,
And learn that a white man is better than a nigger"

The 20-cent green can be found with a very light line between, similar to the 10 cent blue with outer line. The line, however, is nearly always missing on one or more sides, and is very frequently indistinct. They are of considerable rarity.

Both Ludwig and Hoyer, the members of the first engraving firm connected with the Confederacy in preparing its stamps, have joined the great silent majority. The former dying in Richmond several years ago, while Hoyer died in Columbia, N. C.

An unsevered strip of five of both of the issues of the 2-cent values, cancelled on the original cover is owned by a northwestern collector. It is doubtful if any other collection contains their equal.

The Richmond Examiner of June 4, 1863, says, "A new stamp of the denomination of 20 cents has been put forth by the department. The stamp is of a rich dark green color, with the medallion of Washington on the face, encircled by the words, "Confederate States of America," and the designation of twenty at the bottom and top, the former in figures and the latter in letters. The engraving is the best that has yet been executed in postage currency. The medallion of Washington is excellent, with something peculiarly striking and natural in the countenance not found in the best pictures of the Father of his country. The stamp, if issued in any numbers, will be a good medium of change, and because of its high fractional value, will, we hope, drive from circulation some of the dirty 5-cent stamps that are becoming a greater nuisance every date." It is extremely probable that this is the only newspaper clipping which can be found relative to this value, and from it we learn that the postage stamps were used in the south as a circulating medium, much the same as their northern neighbors were forced to use theirs.

I recently saw a letter which passed through the Richmond, Va., post office on Oct. 20th, 1861, with the hand stamp in two lines, PAID, 5 cts. At about the same time Abingdon, Va., also used to have a circular hand stamp.

Among the requisitions drawn on the supply department of the United States, just after the "secesh" of South Carolina was the following:

Statesburg Republic of S. C., July 4, 1861.
To Blank and Stamp agent, General Post Office, Washington, D. C

Dear Sir,—I am entirely out of stamps, and if you think they are and will continue to be good in this republic, you will oblige me by sending me 1,500 3c. stamps, and oblige,

Respectfully yours,
A. NORRIS, P. M.

Whether or not the demand was filled is one of the conundrums which will only be learned at the great judgment day.

The amount appropriated on Oct. 9th, 1862, to supply the deficiency in the revenue of the post office department was $130,607.39.

During the war one, S. C. Upham, whose office and headquarters were at 403 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, supplied a large quantity of forged Confederate notes and stamps. Among the stamps which he is said to have counterfeited are the 5-cent first issued in regular color and also in red, the Memphis 5-cent in red and 2-cent in blue, Baton Rouge 5-cent red or green, Mobile 5 cent blue, Nashville 5-cent red and also grey, New Orleans 2-cent red and blue, 5 cent brown.

Emil J. Rahl has the following extremely interesting envelope in his collection in the upper dextra corner, "Confederate States of America, Executive Department, official business," flanked by two London print 5-cent stamps; addressed to Hon. Alexander Stephen, vice president, and endorsed on the back in the writing of Steven's private secretary, from his excellency President Davis. It is doubtful where another such an interesting relic can be found.

Probably the earliest counterfeit of a Confederate stamp is alluded to in the following, culled from the *Stamp Collector's Monthly* in 1869.

"A well executed forgery of the rare 1-cent Confederate States stamp is now being offered collectors. It may be readily detected on comparison with the smaller 5-cent blue (head of Davis), the upper margin and frame work being exactly the same as in genuine specimens of each value. Without comparison, a forged 1-cent can be distin-

guished by the crowding of the letters in "Confederate" by which the letter "d" is compressed, or as printers would term it, condensed."

The New Orleans *Picayune*, on May 25, 1861, said: "One week hence there will not be any available mode of letter or newspaper express, or telegraphic communication between the Confederacy or the United States. Our postmaster has announced his determination to assume the discharge of the duties of his office on the 1st day of June. From that day all existing mail contracts, so far as we are concerned, will have to be annulled. Meanwhile the Washington administration adopts the same policy, and to make intercourse thoroughly impossible, prohibits express companies from carrying express matters, inclusive of letters, across the Potomac River.

Robert F. Houston was post master of Livingston, Ala., at the breaking out of the war, and is supposed to have issued the famous local of that burg. Livingston is the county seat of Sumter county and at the outbreak of the war rejoiced in a population of about 1,000. Just prior to the war the net revenue the post office returned was about $375 per year.

Registration of letters was a thing unknown to and unrecognized by the Confederate postal laws the opinion of the official being each and every letter was entitled to the same careful handling as its neighbor; therefore the old U. S. law on this subject was repealed by act of March 15th, 1861.

Plates 1, 2 and 3 exist of the Columbia, printed 10-cent stamps and possibly plates 4 and 5. I have seen the three former, being informed of the existence of No. 4, and from possible evidence believe the existence of No. 5 possible.

Among the stamps recently offered in an auction sale of the Minneapolis society was a reprint on the original kind of paper, from the original die of the Salem, N. C., local, guaranteed as such by C. H. Mekeel. Orestes A. Keehln was the post master who was responsible for the issuance of this local.

The Richmond *Examiner* for Oct. 19th says: "The first of the new Confederate postal stamps were issued on the 18th of October, and were largely bought up. The new stamp is green, with a lithographic likeness of President Davis within a double oval border, surmounted with the inscription 'Confederate States of America.' Outside the circle and at the head of the stamp is the word 'Postage' and at the lower edge the denomination 'Five Cents'"

The small 10 cent is but very rarely met with in cancelled pairs, the postage required on double weight letters. A cancelled block of four is to be seen in the collection of a western collector.

In addition to the local stamps of Columbia, S. C., there can be found several varieties of hand stamps. A 5c. and 10c. value being found both in black and blue ink.

The 2c. claret is printed in panes of 100, two panes to a plate, making a full uncut sheet consist of 200 stamps.

Among the curios which can be found in the different collections some of the most interesting are the wall-paper envelopes, which necessity caused to be made by the southern matrons in attending to their correspondence.

Among those who submitted bids and designs when the Confederate States through its post master general, called for bids for furnishing stamps and envelopes, were Hoyer and Ludwig, Richmond, Va., to whom the contract was awarded, Edmund Hoole, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Butler & Carpenter, of Philadelphia who prepared many of the interesting U S revenue stamps, G. F. Nesbitt, who issued the U. S. envelopes of the Nesbitt issue, and the American Bank Note Co., of New York, A. Hoen & Co., of Baltimore, and J. W. Hayes, of Newark, N. J.

The appropriations made for the postal service from July 1st to Dec. 31st. 1863, was $56,389 for general expenses, $10,000 for incidental and $50,000 for telegraphic.

Mr. E. R. Ackerman, of Plainfield, N. J., has an unsevered strip of four Athens, Ga, locals on the original envelope. The strip includes the different die varieties and is probably the finest specimen of these stamps in existence.

Probably the finest lot of the local stamps ever offered at one time was the superb collection of Paul Strochlin, of Geneva, Switzerland, which was sold on Dec. 14 and 15, 1893, by R. F. Albrecht, 75 different pieces being offered, while the regular issue was represented by over 90 specimens, exclusive of a half sheet of plate 13 of the 10c.

By an act of the Confederate Congress on Aug. 30, 1861, prepayment of postage in money was authorized until the post master general could have the necessary stamps and stamped envelopes prepared.

The Livingston local sold for the fat price of $780 at one of the Scott auction sales in 1892, which is the high-water mark price for a Confederate stamp.

The Fredericksburg, Va., local was printed from a plate of ten stamps in sheets of twenty. The manner in which the printing was done causes a variety in unsevered vertical pairs.

Among the minor varieties which command high prices is the small 10c. on ribbed paper. This can prabably be ranked as second in variety to a cancelled perforate 10c. on original cover.

Careful examination of the first issue 5c. will disclose specimens showing a defect in the die, causing a vertical bar below the C of Confederate

MR. DAWSON A. VINDIN.

DAWSON A. VINDIN, ESQ., otherwise known as "The Great Australian," is well known by name in every quarter of the globe. He has been actively interested in Philately since a boy. He is now about twenty-five years of age. In connection with Mr. F. Hagen, Mr. Vindin has been the leading Australian dealer for some years, but recently he dissolved his partnership with the above gentleman, and removed to London, England, and now occupies offices at 143 Strand, which street has of late become such an inportant Philatelic centre in the metropolis.

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OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBORS.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

SINCE I first became enamored by the goddess Philatelia and fell a captive to her charms, I have delighted to call several collectors over the northern borders my firm friends.

I think there has been a greater advancement and more marked improvement in philatelic lines in the Dominion within the last few years than there has been in the States.

On point of numbers, Canada has pushed to the front as regards collectors, and the improvement in the style and character of her philatelic press has been phenomenal.

There seems to have been fostered a warm friendship in spite of national boundary lines and divisions between the collectors of the north and those of the south. Many Canadian collectors have become members, active or passive, of societies with their headquarters in the States, and likewise many collectors scattered over Columbia's domain have joined hands and hearts with Canadian collectors in Canada's societies.

All this has been conducive towards bringing the native Canadian and the native Yankee into closer relationship, from which both have reaped advantages, pecuniary and otherwise.

Many collectors residing in Uncle Sam's land, who formerly collected only the stamps of their own country, have increased their lines and made their specialty to include the stamps of British North America, while our northern neighbors have taken quite well to the idea of collecting United States stamps along with those of their homeland. And this has brought about correspondence between the collectors here and there until many collectors in Canada are as well known to the Yankee as those of his own state, and vice versa.

Those journals which have flourished in the Dominion and heralded the dawn of a new era in philatelic journalism owe not a little of their success to the polished, capable authors residing in the States, and the philatelic press of "Yankee Land" have learned many valuable lessons from Hooper, Bernstein and other Canadian authors.

The metropolitan dealers of New York and Chicago have found the Canadian trade a big item in their business and have learned to cater to their wants; and the Toronto, London and other Canadian dealers have found their business methods and choice selections of stamps appreciated by the collectors across the borders.

That bane of philately, the approval sheet swindlers, has preyed upon both, and the dealers of the Dominion and those of the States have adopted means of self-preservation and worked assiduously towards the extirpation of these frauds with mutual sympathy and mutual benefit.

So that we find a close relationship existing between our northern neighbors and we of the more southern realm.

We hold our interests in common. Nothing that aids materially towards the elevation of our hobby in the States can have other than the same effect upon the Dominion; that which is conducive to the best interests of the one cannot help but be beneficial to the other.

The union between the two is now a close one, but we shall hope that each succeeding month may unite the two more closely, and that future years may bring fame and fortune to collectors and dealers in the States and their honored, respected friends, OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBORS.

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COLORS.

BY GEO. B. KLEBES.

THERE is nothing in stamps that gives us so much pleasure as studying their various colors. In looking over a garden of flowers one is attracted by the bright beauty of the rose or the pure loveliness of the lily; and so in looking over our collections, which are philatelic flower gardens of various sizes we are surprised and delighted with the variety of the hues that meet our eyes. And, just as in the vegetable world, there is an infinite number of colors, so in the philatelic world there are hundreds of different tints. There are in this one flower 852 kinds of colors—violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange and red, the colors of the rainbow are there, and also hundreds of subdivisions of these principal colors, as, for

instance, straw and vermilion, which are the colors of two of our prettiest United States sets, agricultural and interior department stamps. We find typical roses in the early issues of Siam, or the 10-reis Brazil, and also in many of the stamps of the Argentine Republic, while Baden, the Bahamas and Germany each contributed roses of slightly variegated hues. To find the golden sun flower we have only to turn to Switzerland, or to the sun-like stamps of Peru's 1874 issue. To carry further the imagery, we may find beautiful violets in Honduras, Hungary or Peru, or if, perchance, we wish to have a pure white lily, we have only to apply a little "life given water" to the stamps of Russia. We find that the various rose-colored stamps with their embossing and perforations remind one sensibly of the beautiful moss roses of the flower gardens. To find philatelic weeds in almost every collection is not a difficult task. The varied colors of the so-called Hamburg locals render the position of the album in which they are situated perfectly obnoxious. But it would seem that in point of colors, philately has the advantage of the natural world. We have green stamps, but hardly ever do we see a green flower; we have black stamps, but black flowers are oddities which are never found in nature. In point of variegation also, the philatelic flower gardens are considerably in the lead. Where in nature, do we find more beautiful two-colored flowers than the 1869 issue U. S. stamps. Where in nature is there a more successful combination of colors than is found in the 2½gl. Dutch Indies?

But not to tire the reader with more extended comparison, the whole may be summed up in the fact that nature and philately are very similar as to colors, and while the scientist may pore over the pages of botany, which treats of the work of the Almighty, it cannot be but beneficial to study in our leisure stamps, or rather into the secrets of philately, which is merely a scrutinous examination of art, the product of men's genius. The majority of the later issues are stamps of bright hue, and those which, in color, resemble the early official locals of these countries, are seldom seen. Even our postal card was changed to the more attractive brown, the bright vermilion and green and yellow please the modern eye more than does the dull black, although when stamps are finely engraved, as, for instance, the ½r. 1878 issue of Honduras, the unattractive color is lost sight of in admiration of the engraving. Following the dictates of the eye, stamp collectors, and especially ones, are apt to pay most attention to the stamps that are fair to gaze upon; but "all that glitters is not gold," and while we may have a beautiful collection of colors, its intrinsic value is almost inevitably lower than a less beautiful collection, for some of our ugliest stamps are the most valuable. The evident improvements in colors which are being wrought annually in our science, are indeed encouraging. In future years our albums, decked with philatelic roses and garlands, will not be to appearance a mere collection of "trash," but rather "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever."

"So you're going to travel all around the world?"

"I am."

"Then mind you write me *often*."

"I am much flattered, but I can hardly believe that you'll really care to hear from me."

"Oh, indeed, *indeed* I *shall*—I collect postage stamps!"

MR C. WHITFIELD KING.

C. WHITFIELD KING, ESQ., of Ipswich, England, occupies a prominent position among the leading English dealers. The business conducted by this gentleman is both wholesale and retail, and his offices are among the finest in the trade. Mr. King has been fortunate in his acquisitions of Government remainders, he having obtained all of the Honduras, 1st issue; Servia 1869; Peru, unpaid; Stella Land, etc. In his private residence he has a room that is papered entirely with unused stamps. We have pleasure in presenting his portrait to our readers.

Written for the CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

NOTES AND NEWS.

BY NAUTILUS.

An editor of an amateur paper recently advertised for a stamp collector to take charge of a philatelic department. We wonder how many applications he got.

There are a certain number of stamp dealers who have a very loose mode of transacting business. During the past year I have received no less than seven selections of approval sheets that I did not apply for. The sheets aren't from small dealers either, two selections being from a company who claim to be the largest stamp dealers in the world, and one from a gentleman, who, if we are to believe his advertisements, will not send out sheets without references. Stamp dealers should understand that if unsolicited approval sheets are sent, the receiver cannot be held responsible for their safe return, or to their equivalent in cash.

When is a boy like a postage stamp? When he is licked and stuck in the corner.

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THE ORATOR.

BY FREDERICK S. FOX.

MY BUSINESS as a commercial traveler for a leading notion house of New York City, necessitates my making several extended trips every year throughout my assigned district, which includes the States of Colorado and Kansas, and often sections of other of the Western States. However, the fact that I am constantly on the wing does not debar me from sharing the joys so peculiarly the philatelist's own, for stamp collecting, indeed, is my sole recreation when I am at leisure in the city, and as my kinsmen are none, and acquaintances few, my album and myself have become boon companions. Nor do I forget my hobby when on the road with album and stamps hundreds of miles away, for, like all good philatelists, my years of experience and careful study, will, I think, justify me in laying claim to this much sought-for appellation. I often visit brother collectors in distant cities, provided I have the spare time at my disposal.

At the time my story opens, I was about to start on my usual fall tour throughout my territory, when I received a letter from a friend in Caldwell, Kansas, Browne by name, whom I had previously visited, and in which he requested me to bring with me my collection when I again called on him in Caldwell. Now, I am not in the habit of lugging my treasured album and its more treasured contents from place to place while on my travels, but since I had often boasted of my stamps to this Kansas friend, a tinge of pride prompted me in an unguarded moment to satisfy my friend's desire by revealing to him the well-filled pages of my "international." Accordingly, when I packed my grips preparatory to starting, my album was not forgotten, but reposed snugly among the contents of my luggage.

After making stops in several towns in Eastern Kansas, I arrived in Caldwell and Browne after meeting me at the structure of pine boards which the inhabitants graciously styled a station, explained to me that he would be unable to be with me for more than an hour, on account of having been suddenly called to a neighboring town, but that on the morrow, and thereafter, he would have plenty of leisure time to devote to myself and my album. With this bit of information, he piloted me to the "Eagle Hotel"—I will never forget the name of this particular stopping place—and after I had registered we were assigned to my room. Browne, having still a half hour to spare, helped me to unpack my traveling bag, and, removing the album therefrom, we examined the contents for a time. When his time had expired, I placed the album in the telescope, which I carefully locked, and we went down stairs. Before leaving, Browne exclaimed to the proprietor, a great, raw-boned specimen of humanity, with a voice that almost shook the building: "Remember, Orator, give my friend the very best accommodations you have at your disposal. He is a tenderfoot, and it behooves you to bestow upon him a tender care. Be kind to him."

"All right, Fritters, responded the orator," as Browne had most aptly called him." "We'll try to make things easy for him." Then, turning to me, he said: "You had better keep your album here in the office. It might be stolen from you, like as not, if you leave it in your room, as thieves are plenty, and times are hard. Go up and fetch it, stranger; I'm worried about it."

My album! How had this raw and woolly westerner learned that I had brought my album with me, and that I was a real, dyed-in-the-wool stamp collector? Is he a collector himself, and did he recognize my name on the register, and conclude that my album had accompanied me? Or had he surreptitiously approached my room while Browne and myself were regaling ourselves with its contents? Or is he an ex-dime museum mind-reader? These questions I quickly asked myself, as I stood before the towering giant, while the deep tones of his voice reverberated through the little dingy office, card room and bar-room combined, plainly heard by the score or more of cowboys and thugs there assembled, much to my utter perplexity and distress.

"Well, what is the answer?" insisted the orator.

"I rather think that I prefer to guard my album myself. Yes I am decidedly of that opinion," I answered, with feelings of mingled surprise and anger.

I thought I could detect a vein of sarcasm in his tone, as he wheeled about to join a boisterous party of players, and drawled out: "Well, Easterner, just as you have it, you know."

That afternoon passed wearily on my hands. My very first conversation with the landlord of the hotel had made me uneasy, and I began to long for Browne's return. To add to the general dreary aspect a heavy rain had begun to fall, and the town, forlorn as it appeared under an autumn sun, now seemed to me, as I gazed through the dirty window, to be as God-forsaken a place as one could wish for. The cowboys had made a rendevous of the hotel, and so I had concluded to remain downstairs, and pass the time between gazing from the window and watching the doings of the card-players. During the course of the time I noticed that one group of players, in particular, had become unduly interested in me, and at one time I observed the "orator", whisper a few words in their ears, and then point to me with a smile. I felt that something was wrong, and my uneasiness increased. Instinctively, I wished that I had disregarded the solicitations of my friend, and left my album at my New York boarding-house, safely secured from harm's way, under lock and key.

Suppertime came at last, and the proprietor and his favorite quartette seated themselves at a table adjoining mine (thank heaven, no mil-dewed cowboy with buckskin boots broke bread with me at my table), and I could not help feel but that their subdued, yet animated conversation, in some manner or means, was directed upon me and my album. And no wonder! For the *sub rosa* glances which they cast at me did not escape my notice, nor did their chuckles of glee when they observed me ill at ease and anxious to finish the meal as quickly as possible. After supper was over I loitered for a time in the office, and listened to the strains of a solitary banjo, picked by one of the natives and when the shades of evening descended, I resolved to withdraw from the noisy crowd and seek the solitude of my room. I did so, and when I unlocked the door I walked straightway to my "telescope," and removed

therefrom my innocent album, which some foreboding told me would cause me trouble ere I again saw the light of another day. But that was not all—for, ah, I had placed a shining Smith & Wesson among the contents of the bag, to meet just such emergencies as this! I remember now that I grasped the weapon with almost fiendish glee. My naturally excitable and nervous temperament had wrought a fervor of intense passion and anxiety, and in the excitement of the moment I kissed the trusty weapon, which once before had seen faithful service. At that moment the gun, with its shining barrel, seemed to me the only friend I had in the world, and I resolved to make a good account of its friendship, should anyone venture to invade the solitude of my room during the night. I was sleepy—fearfully sleepy—and I stretched myself upon the bed, to doze, but not to sleep.

I thought of the words of the "orator"—"You had better keep your album in the office." Indeed! And again, I wondered where in the name of mystery he had discovered that I had an album with me. Browne couldn't have told him, I reasoned, for he was with me all the while. I revolved the mooted question over and over again, and finally determined to drop the subject and think no more about it.

I removed my watch from under the pillow, and found it to indicate ten minutes to eleven. How slowly the time passed! I had solemnly resolved to quit the "Eagle Hotel" and visit it no more when the gray dawn of morning would at last appear through the dingy curtains of my room, to—but hark, what was that?

Again I heard it—a sound of several pairs of heavy boots ascending the rickety staircase, and the voices of the "orator" and his friends, engaged in an excited conversation as they approached the room.

"Evidently formulating a plan of action," I thought to myself. "Pity they had not attended to that before." I arose from the bed, placed the album under my pillow, thrust the pistol into my pocket, and I was then ready for the intruders.

I had not long to wait. A heavy rap-rap-rap at the door announced their arrival.

"What do you want?" I asked, anxiously.

"We want to get in," came from the "orator," fiercely.

"Well, you won't get in."

"We will get in!" and I heard the rattle of a key at the door, and sooner than it takes to write it, it opened, revealing to me the "orator" and the selfsame crew who had taken such an unusual interest in me during the afternoon.

"And now that you are in," I began, "what are you going to do about it?"

"Where's your album—where's that book with the stamps in it?" asked the "orator," glaring greedily about the room.

"Yonder, in the bed," I answered. "Times *must* be rather hard when the landlord is forced to rob his guests. But before you lay your hands on that book you and your gang must interview this," and, by way of experiment, I suddenly pointed the pistol at the brain of my friend, the "orator."

"Don't shoot," he almost shrieked, as he recoiled from the shining barrel. "For heaven's sake, don't shoot! We're only joking"

"Naw, don't shoot; curse the luck. Can't you see that we have no guns, and that it's all a joke?" added his companions, as they began to back toward the door.

"It is a poor joke that won't work both ways," I responded, still pointing the weapon at the "orator's" cranium. "A joke! And who can prove it?"

"I."

Browne had answered, as he suddenly darted into the room. "Put down that gun, Frank. We don't want an innocent, practical joke to cause a coroner's inquest here. I am the cause of all this; it's a joke; don't you understand?"

"If that is the case," I replied, as I obediently lowered the weapon, "I can only say that it is a very dangerous kind of a joke; one that can be carried too far, especially when a collection of stamps is involved And now, since you are here, and claim to be the cause of this little incident, please explain yourself."

Browne did so. It appeared he hadn't gone out of town at all, but for the sake of deviltry he had entrusted me to the tender mercies of the "orator" and his friends for a whole afternoon (and night), having, of course, confided to them the plan before my arrival in Caldwell. The "orator," as I afterwards learned, is an honest, whole-souled fellow, as are also his companions, even though they are cowboys, and they all enjoy a joke.

I remained in Caldwell a whole week after my little experience, and I never found a more faithful friend than the "orator," proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel," postmaster, and high pooh bah of Caldwell, Kansas.

I've vowed to get even with Browne, however, and I might add, too, in closing, that hereafter, joke or no joke, my album remains at home.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

BY NAUTILUS.

A few philatelic editors have a pet fashion of downing everything in the poetic line. This does not prevent others from liking such matter. Suppose that one of these editors were to go into a hotel and saw something on the table that he did not like, would he order the proprietor to take it away and let it appear there never again? The matter of likes and dislikes is a broad one and not governed by individual tastes. There are a great many of us in the world, and when we see things that we do not like we should not be too sure that there is no one who likes them.

I do not think that postal cards will be much of a rival to stamps, not for some time at least. That they will be very popular cannot be denied, but stamps have too big a hold on the public to be easily shaken off. Cards are, however, a good investment, the early issues being within easy reach.

Statistics are kept of all British and foreign mails despatched from Canada.

Even stamp collecting is a fleeting fancy. How many of those who were collectors four or five years ago are so to-day? Few you say, very few. Take your own case for instance, where are all your collecting acquaintances of a few years ago.

STRAY PENCILINGS.

WALTER A. WITHROW.

Mr. W. L. Richards, of the Standard Oil Co., New York, tells me that he has a curious oddity, the only one of which I have heard. It is the five cents, 1857, ornaments removed, imperforate, with wide margins. It is probably from a sheet that through an error escaped perforating.

The Columbian stamps are plentiful at the present time. Everyone is unloading, and as these stamps can be secured at a moderate price, the shrewd speculator is buying up all that are offered, and prices will soon advance as soon as the supply in the collectors' hands is exhausted.

There are some dealers and collectors who still cling to the perforated hinge, and the stamp clings to the hinge, or *vice versa*, in fact closer than a poor nephew to a rich uncle. Have you ever noticed a collector transferring his stamps to a new album when the perforated hinge is used?

Roy F. Greene is a busy man these days. His duty as Exchange Superintendent of the Philatelic Sons of America take up a great deal of his time, and with his approval sheet dealing he has but little time for correspondence and writing, as is evidenced by the very few articles appearing in our magazines under his familiar name.

The members of the California Philatelic Press Club are gentlemen who take philately in the right light. The articles appearing in their magazine, *The Philatelic Californian*, are almost all scientific, and always strictly original. Would that there were more collectors possessing the same enterprise.

Many collectors have written me, asking if I had an interest in *The Canadian Journal of Philately*, doubtless because of a number of my articles appearing therein. In reply I would say that my interest in this magazine was entirely as a contributor. It is a pity that a magazine of this standard could not be maintained, though the colored plates could have been omitted, reducing the cost considerably, and the plates have been printed in black, especially as there was considerable difficulty in securing the correct shades.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

THE NEXT STEP.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

IT cannot be doubted that the philatelic press has been, more or less, unjustly criticised by would-be reformers; this omnipresent class who are always promoting plans to get their neighbors out of the mud while they remain unconsciously in the mire. And it has been with mingled feelings of pity and amusement that I have seen writers rush to the fore with suggestions on how to elevate the philatelic press, and have never put their plans into execution themselves.

For months the time-worn subject of a higher class of Philatelic literature has agitated the minds of these chronic reformers, and possibly it may have had one desired effect, for one who keeps pace with the journalistic progress in philatelic lines cannot, even though he be a pessimist of a pronounced type, but acknowledge that the standard of philatelic literature has steadily advanced in the past year or two, and more and more we see the products of polished minds; while the puerile attempts at philatelic writing, so commonly met with a few years ago, are now, to a greater or less degree, conspicuous by their absence.

And so I have arrived at the conclusion that the literature of our hobby is, if not quite *par excellence*, at least so far advanced that we are doing a great injustice to ourselves and the army of indefatigable writers when we urge greater effort along this line.

The literature of to-day, and of course I now refer to philately, is not to be despised. I am sure that it will compare favorably with that of kindred hobbies. Several writers, who honor the philatelic press more than themselves, by their contributions are to-day winning laurels for themselves in wider fields, and we may have them with us but a short time. Of course we have every reason to believe that their successors will acquit themselves as creditably as those who are soon to deliver their valedictory to philatelic journalism and the salutaries to the broader fields of fiction and poesy in the world of letters.

"The proper study of mankind is man," and the proper study of journalism is journals. To have a man suggest and recommend innovations in philatelic journalism, who has had no experience in this direction, and deals only with the theoretical principles, without one whit of practical knowledge, is a grotesque and amusing sight, yet one which is not unfamiliar.

To me it seems that there is one step to be taken ere our philatelic journals reach that stage of progress where we may be content to allow them to pursue the even tenor of their ways without continually being obliged to listen to advice from the would-be reformers. There are a few journals, even now, progressing on the line to which I refer.

The needed reform is in the line of illustrations. The ordinary stamp journal could be much improved by pen-sketches or photo-engravings, and I am sure such a departure would be warmly welcomed. Scarcely an article which is set in type by the philatelic publisher but would be made more clear and explicit if accompanied by sketches or photo-views.

At one time, in the not far distant past, such a course required a considerable outlay of money, if satisfactory work could be expected, but at the present day the cuts can be made cheaply and quickly. And with a few good pen-and-ink artists in our journalistic ranks the reading public would soon see a new era dawn in philatelic journalism.

The average stamp paper is printed on a good quality of paper and this would make the task of creditably illustrating the magazine a pleasant one. That there are in our ranks those who are inclined towards sketching with pen or pencil seems conclusive to me, and I hope to see them advance to the fore and ally themselves with those who have the advancement of philatelic journalism so much at heart; that the artist and editor may go hand in hand and force the press of our hobby to take, what seems to me to be, the next step.

MR. WALTER McMAHON.

WALTER McMAHON, Esq., whose portrait we present this issue, is one of the leading collectors of Toronto. He began collecting in 1889, and at one time dealt in stamps, although he does little in that way at present. Mr. McMahon has held office in the C. P. A. and P. S. of C., and possesses a very fine collection.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

"MY COLLECTION."

BY LEO WAGNER.

ONE beautiful autumn day, in one of our large cities, a youth of about eighteen years lay tossing upon a bed. He was in the unrelenting grasp of a burning fever.

An orphan, he had come to the great city in search of employment. No sooner had he found it than this sickness overtook him. Insufficient nourishment and the anxious search for work in a city where thousands of other persons were idle had sapped his not already too strong constitution; and now he lay nigh unto death.

The professional nurse provided by the benevolent society sat on the other side of the room, wondering how the undertaker would get the coffin around that sharp turn in the hall. She is awakened by a murmur from the bed:

"My collection."

Like the trained nurse she is, she mechanically takes it from the dresser, hands it to him and returns to her seat to wonder why those stamps quiet his delirium more than the doctor's medicine.

He began that collection before he was twelve years old. It was one of the few articles he had brought from his old home. What memories it now awakens! He feebly turns the pages a few moments and then suddenly became very, very quiet.

When the doctor came about 4:30 p. m. he gently closed the wide blue eyes and ordered the nurse to report back to the hospital.

That collection of stamps you saw in the pawnbroker's window the other day was the sick boy's.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

BY H. E. FRENCH.

FOR the past few years the collecting of philatelic papers has formed quite an important part of our science, and to some it is more interesting than stamp collecting itself. There is nothing that will prove of more practical value to a philatelist than a philatelic library.

Every collector should have a library of philatelic papers for reference. Many collectors make a mistake by attempting to collect every and anything that has a line or two about philately. In collecting, too much pains cannot be taken to reject the worthless and retain that which is good and deserving of your attention. A great part of the philatelic papers of to-day are not worth the paper they are printed on, and for a collector to waste his time collecting this trash is shameful.

Philatelic books are few and far between. About once a year we hear of a directory of notes and the annual standard catalogues will about complete the list. A philatelist who possesses complete files of our leading journals (which files are in reality books) may consider himself fortunate.

Every collector should study his stamps, and the only medium he has of doing so is by reading philatelic papers, as this is the only means we have of learning the past history of our science. I have found back numbers of philatelic papers that have long since gone to rest, to be very useful. For instance how many collectors know what causes the scarcity of the 12d Canada. How many know that the above stamp has been counterfeited in Germany by the autotype process? How many have purchased Canada and Provincial stamps for genuine, thinking there were no counterfeit stamps of these colonies, and it is due to not reading philatelic papers. All Canada pence issues, as well as all the stamps of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia are not at present used for postage, they are of no use for the purpose of paying postage, having long since been declared valueless, and have been repudiated by the Dominion Government. This fact is to be found over the signature of Mr. White, post office secretary. This, no doubt will seem to be very absurd, but nevertheless, it is true, and such knowledge is to be attained by the use of a philatelic library.

Philatelic papers of to-day are a vast improvement on those of ten years ago, but in many respects there is a great similarity between then and now.

To-day philatelic papers of Europe are far ahead of our own in one respect, by illustrating new issues in their proper colors. Mr. Scott tried this plan in his *American Philatelic Journal of Philately* a number of years ago but did not carry it out. I long for the day to see some enterprising publisher try this plan in this country. It not only helps the collector a great deal in remembering the stamps, but also makes a very interesting department of an otherwise rather dull one and also enriches the appearance of a paper.

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EDITORIAL.

It is expected that Jamaica will shortly issue a Columbian set.

The Southern Philatelist issued its April and May number as one.

Italy has just issued a new postal card ; 10c. carmine on straw.

$1.60 each is now being offered by dealers for $1 Columbian stamps, unused.

It is said that the small 5c. Confederate States has been reprinted.

At the Brock sale, held in New York last January, a United States 30c. grilled all over sold for $211.

According to *The American Philatelic Mayazine* the Wellington Stamp Co., of Wellington, Ohio, are frauds.

Every issue of this journal will in future contain the portrait of one or more prominent dealers or collectors.

W. Sellschopp & Co., of San Francisco, Cal., will hold their seventh auction sale on the 9th and 10th of May.

According to *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journa* about 20 new varieties of Russian locals have just appeared.

Mr. Henry Gremmel, of 85 Nassau St., New York, N. Y., holds his eleventh auction sale on Friday, May the 25th.

According to *The Washington Philatelist* the 10c. orange special delivery stamp has been withdrawn after being in use less than one year.

A lot of over one million continental stamps were offered for sale, without reserve, at Mr. Hadlow's 30th auction sale, and were sold for £29.

"The Columbian Era," a monthly magazine for young people, published at Hindsdale, Ill., devotes considerable space to stamp collecting.

Is the *Dominion Philatelist* still in existence? If it is, the publisher has not favored us with a copy for some time.

Mr. E. P. McDowell has retired from the Beaver Stamp Co., of this City. Mr. W. F. White has purchased his interest and will carry on the business as before.

We have received the new issue of Hawaii and we are very much struck with attractive designs and colors. The set consists of five values : 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20c.

The Quaker City Philatelist has just issued its one hundreth number. We congratulate our contemporary on its successful existence for one hundred months.

Every dealer in stamps should have a copy of our wholesale list on his desk. The second edition is now ready for delivery and will be sent on application.

Mr. W. S. Weatherston, of 13 Peter St., Toronto, Canada, has revived the *Toronto Philatelic Journal*. It is not, however, much of an improvement on the old paper.

The Northern New York Telegraph Co. are shortly to issue three new stamps, the values being 1c., 5c., and 10c. They will be issued some time during June, and will be blue in color.

We trust our readers will pardon the lateness of this issue. Having been very busy we got somewhat behind with the publication. We shall try to appear more promptly in the future.

The Iowa Philatelic Weekly, published at Wyoming, Iowa, is now over a month old, and to all appearances it has a bright future before it. It is ably edited and full of news. We wish it every success.

We have appointed Mr. J. Edwards, 520 Latour St., Montreal Que., our sole agent for that city. Any subscriptions or advertisements that our Montreal patrons may place in his hands will receive prompt attention.

Mr. Frank C. Baker, who for some time has been running the business of the Western Stamp & Coin Co., of Chicago, has been appointed to take entire charge of the Zoological Department of the Columbian Museum, of Chicago.

Mr. Dawson A. Vinden has again started a journal since his removal to England. It is called *Vinden's Stamp Journal*, and no doubt it will attain a fame equally as wide as his Australian publication.

We see by *Mekeel's Weekly* Mr. P. Latourette has found a *vertical* pair of the 5c. St. Louis. This proves that the stamps were not, as generally supposed, printed in sheets with an upper row of 5c., and a lower row of 10c.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. F. H. Borgman of the Crittenden, Borgman Co., of Detroit. This gentleman has for some time occupied a prominent position in philatelical circles, and the announcement of his death will be received with profound regret by his many friends.

Detroit collectors are endeavoring to secure the next annual convention of *The Philatelic Sons of America* for Detroit, and we trust their efforts may be successful, for we know that, if the convention is held in that city, those attending will be well entertained. We cast our ballot in favor of Detroit. Use your influence to bring the convention to that city.

We regret the delay that has occurred in the publication of Handbook No. 4, "The Standard Handbook on Counterfeits" which should have appeared some time ago, but owing to the time involved in the preparation of the book it did not appear at the time expected. The book is at last in the hands of the printers and will be ready for delivery in two weeks time. It is a book that every collector should possess, and we solicit your order. Price, 25c., post-paid.

Not content with refusing to allow us to publish our Handbook No. 5 in Canada, and refusing second class rates to the "Canadian Philatelic Weekly," the latest arbitrary act of the Canadian Postmaster General has been to take away the second class rates which were granted to this paper when first published. No reasonable excuse was offered for this step. To all appearances the P. M. G. has acquired a strong prejudice against stamp collectors and all publications pertaining thereto. Although this action will take away all the profit there is in the publication of the "Canadian Philatelist" it will, however, not interfere with the regular publication of the journal, which will be continued as heretofore. After this issue all numbers of the paper will have to be prepaid at the rate of 1c. each, which will add over $300 a year to the expense connected with the publication.

G. Warren, who has for a time been swindling collectors from Toronto, Canada, is believed to be none other than the arch swindler, Lewis Bishop. The party in question made application to us for rare stamps on approval, and sent at the same time a subscription to the "Canadian Philatelic Weekly." Fortunately we did not send him the stamps. A short time after the "Canadian Philatelic Weekly" discontinued publication, and this party had his subscription refunded, but the letter containing his returned money, came back to us a few days later with information to the effect that he had left for parts unknown. Under his alias of Lewis Bishop we are indebted to him for a small amount, and this is also the case with that of Geo. Warren. We consider ourselves fortunate in having the matter as it is, but if the hundreds of collectors who have been swindled by this party see fit to appoint a receiver we will gladly pay them the amount we are indebted to Bishop which might be divided among the sufferers. We doubt not but that there would be at least one cent for each hundred dollars of claims. It is a question of vital importance to stamp collectors how much this party is to be allowed to be at large. Some effort should be made to bring him to justice.

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EVERYBODY sending me 50 to 100 stamps of their country receives an equal quantity of old German stamps and of the German states. Correspondence solicited. All letters answered immediately on receipt. Dealers and publishers please send price lists and papers. Rud. Wylick, Witten, Germany.

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THE PERFECT COLLECTION.

BY WALTER A. WITHROW.

A FEW days ago I had the pleasure and pain of examining two collections, the property of two boys of my acquaintance. I say both pleasure and pain, I experienced. The collections were made on the same lines, but oh! how different.

One of the collections was formed by a boy of neat habits, and it was a pleasure to look over his stamps. The other collection was made in a careless manner, and was painful for a careful collector to look upon.

In looking over the better collection I noticed that the album was well taken care of, the leather cover being as smooth and fresh as when it came from the binder's. The pages were fresh and clean, the corners of the leaves were straight, and the name carefully written on the fly-leaf.

The specimens were carefully selected, only unused or lightly cancelled stamps appearing. Each stamp had been examined for slight tears, the hinges on the back of each stamp being removed, lest they covered some imperfection.

The face of each soiled stamp was washed lightly with water or cleansed with gasoline, and a new hinge of light onion-skin paper was attached, and the specimen hinged neatly in the middle of the place assigned for it.

An unperforated stamp must have good margins; a perforated stamp must not be minus a tooth of perforation if it would be placed in this collection, and the stamp must be perfectly centred. I had never realized before that this added much to the appearance of a collection, and I mentally resolved to advise collectors to accept stamps, not if the perforation did not cut into the design, but if it were perfectly centred in every respect.

Each country received its share of attention and consequently in examining the collection one would not turn over a dozen or more pages without encountering a solitary specimen, as was the case in the other collection.

The other collection gave me a pain, look at it as I would. The leather binding of the album was scuffed and streaked where it had been soiled by careless fingers, and the pages were finger-marked and dog-eared.

The stamps were selected in a hap-hazard way, without reference to condition, a good part of them being torn and dirty, no attempt having been made to cleanse them, and some were poorly centred. They were hinged to the page with those rank, perfumed, perforated hinges, and if a stamp were to be removed a part of the page would follow, or a part of the stamp would inevitably remain.

There is a moral to this article, but it is so obscure that I fear it could never be determined, so I will inform you that a collection of fine specimens is thirty-five and one-half times more valuable than one of indifferent stamps.

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SHORT STUFF.

BY LEO WAYNER.

News for collectors—reve-nues.

A case of blackmailing—a gentleman of color mailing a letter.

The cancelling machines used in all the large offices libel the men whose busts or portraits appear on our stamps. The father of his country and other celebrities are made to appear "behind the bars."

It would be a capital idea for Spain to display the portrait of the king on its stamps at different stages of his growth. Beginning with the present issue, the series would read thus: The "baby stamps," the "boy stamps," the "young man stamps," and "stamps with king's head." There will be some collectors who will carry things to extremes by referring to the "old man" stamps.

Gamin Collector No 1—"Say, Patsy, why don't dey puts Corbett's picture on de postage stamps?"

Gamin Collector No. 2.—"Why, don't yer know that it's only congrissmen and sich what has dere mugs on stamps?"

Gamin Collector No. 1—"Naw, dat ain't de reason. Yer see der stamps has ter be as light as dey ken get 'em, an' Corbett's a heavy-weight an' nobody ken handle him."

A young lady asked a clerk in a New York stamp store: "Have you any of the United States stamps with the portrait of Washington's ghost?" The nimble brained clerk hesitated but a moment, and displayed before her a set of the 1865 large newspaper stamp, which she said, "are just what I want."

When the Columbian stamps first came out a number of readers wrote us asking why Columbus, in "The Discovery of Land," as depicted on the one-cent, has no beard, while in the "Landing of Columbus" he appears with a pointed beard. (*Twelve hours are supposed to elapse between the two events.*) We were not able to give a satisfactory answer at the time, but after reading up the best writers on the subject, we have come to the conclusion that it is a case of "before and after" using Dr. Geronimo's Celebrated Indian Hair Raiser.—*Daily Philatelic Bladder.*

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

"THAT 'ERE COLLEGE CHAP."

BY A. M. LADD,

Author of "*The Severed Specimen*"

"THAT 'ere college chap is a right smart sort of a feller, but he's got one danged foolish notion, an' that is the collectin' of old postage stamps as what's been used once."

Thus was Elnathan Mudd's summary of Walter Marston's characteristics.

Walter Marston had come to this beautiful village of Auburn a week before to spend his summer vacation from college. It was to be his last regular school vacation, as he was in his senior year. His previous vacations had been whiled away at the sea-shore and in the mountains. Once, while going through Auburn on his bicycle, admiring this beautiful village with all its Arcadian simplicity, he had punctured his tire. While he was repairing it a young girl of sixteen came along the road. Walter never knew just how it was, but before he could scarcely realize it he and Bessie Mudd had become acquainted. And it came to pass that Walter came that way often on his wheel, and Bessie was always on hand with a smile of welcome on her pretty face.

It was a clear case from the start, and Cupid cut another notch in his bow.

And so it came to pass that Walter spent his next school vacation at Auburn, and what was more, managed to secure board at the home of his dream-angel.

Walter had told Bessie of his stamp collection, and as she had expressed a desire to see it he had sent for it. She took to it at once and became quite enthusiastic. Bessie informed Walter that what was probably a grand chance to increase his treasures awaited him if he wished to investigate the contents of "an old box up-stairs in the attic," and she felt certain that she could obtain her father's consent that he should do it. That noon Bessie received her father's consent to let Walter go through the box.

"Yes, Walter," laughed farmer Mudd, "you can have all the stamps you find; much good they'll do ye."

"Perhaps I'll find something very valuable," said Walter. "There are stamps that are worth hundreds of dollars."

"Sho, you don't say so! Who'd give it?"

"A great many wealthy collectors and dealers. In fact, if there is anything of great value, I'll pay you a fair price for it. You know I have plenty of money that was left me by my parents when they died, and as I'm twenty-one I have it at my own disposal."

"Yes," replied the farmer, "you are fortunate, financially. I wish I had plenty of the stuff, I'd send Bessie off to the bordin' school at Lakeport for a two year's course. It would do her a heap of good. She's got through the Auburn schools."

"Then I hope I'll find some rarities for her sake," said Walter.

"Yes, and," added farmer Mudd, with a twinkle in his eye, "Bessie will make a better wife with a little seminary knowledge. Educated country girls make the best wives. Don't you think so, Mr. Marston?"

"Yes, I I think she w-would," answered Walter a little uneasily, and blushing quite visibly. Bessie's bewitching eyes sparkled and her cheeks took on a deeper tinge.

That afternoon Bessie and Walter repaired to the attic.

Along about three o'clock the farmer came into the house for something, and incidentally asked:

"Where are Walter and Bess?"

"Up in the attic looking for stamps," smiled the worthy Mrs. Mudd.

"Guess I'll go up and see what they've found," grinned the farmer

So occupied were the attentions of Bessie and Walter that they did not hear farmer Mudd's approach, and the first intimation they had of his proximity was when he suddenly opened the door and found Walter sitting on the up-turned box—and Bessie seated in his lap with one arm around Walter's neck, her head on his shoulder and face up-turned and close to his, while her other hand clasped his, and his other arm around her supple waist.

Perhaps farmer Mudd was astonished; perhaps the lovers were; yes, all were—just a little bit. Bessie made an effort to free herself, but Walter held her tightly, and said to Mr. Mudd with an astonishing bravado:

Mr. Mudd I have asked Bessie to be my wife when she graduates from Lakeport Seminary, and she has promised, and all we want now is the consent and blessing of you and Mrs. Mudd."

"Wha-what? Lakeport Semin—say?—didn't I tell you I couldn't afford to send her?"

"Yes, and didn't I say I'd pay you for the stamps I might find in this box?"

The farmer had forgotten this in the momentary excitement of suddenly coming upon such an unexpected scene.

"For what I have found here," continued Walter, "I will give you one thousand dollars. They will be worth, at least, that to me. A thousand will carry Bessie through school won't it?"

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Both Mr. and Mrs. Mudd gave their consent and blessing. Walter has graduated from college, and is managing his large investments himself. Bessie is at Lakeport Seminary, and has several months more to go ere she completes her course, after which she will fulfill the promise made to Walter Marston nearly two years before, by becoming his wife.

And as for Walter, Mr. Mudd thinks there is not another such fellow in the world as "that 'ere college chap," and perhaps there isn't, but what would Mr Mudd say—or Bessie either—if it was known that the entire contents of that "old box up stairs in the attic would not have brought above fifty cents from any dealer? But then Walter is satisfied, and—so is Bessie.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's price list consisting of 64 pages and cover, and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed, and together with postage, the total cost will be $1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

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THE FUTURE OF THE COLUMBIAN.

BY W. H. PLANK.

IF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS could have lived to the ripe old age attained by some of the patriarchs of Biblical fame, and beheld the wonderful development of his continent, or seen the wonders that the White City had gathered together in commemoration of his discovery, the high honors that would have been heaped upon him would surely have overwhelmed this daring navigator.

If he could behold the representation of the little fleet, as depicted upon the three cent Columbian, or the other scenes through which he passed as the other denominations illustrate, he could hardly decide which of the two were the greater honors.

This series of stamps, so artistic and executed in the highest degree of workmanship, has excited and enthused the stamp collecting fraternity, that those who have never thought of forming a collection have almost become maniacs over the question of collecting. Those, too, who have laid away their collections years ago have rummaged through chest and drawers and brought out their old collections, and have been imbibed with a new life, and once again follow in the pleasant ways of stamp collecting.

The past year has been a jubilee year for stamp collecting, and will cause such a revival of stamp collecting that has never yet been seen.

While the Columbian stamps have been a boon to the cause of stamp collecting, it has also been an injury. It has, in a great measure, caused a large number of Philater's stamp followers, if I may use this phrase, who are nothing more than speculators, who have harbored up every obtainable stamp, not for exchange, but for speculative purposes. And now, in so short a space of time, many collectors only think of their collections as representing so many dollars. They have forgotten the pleasant hours spent in gathering and arranging their collections, and the little "finds" that all delight to think of.

Will the Columbian speculator reap his expecting reward? We emphatically say, no! Do not think because the stamps have been issued only for a year that they cannot be had later. It is a mistake. There has never been an issue of stamps of any government that has been so religiously and systematically saved as the Columbian. Every school boy, collector and dealer, besides our side parties, have them in such quantities that it will be a long time indeed before they are worth the price many persons expect to receive for them. Don't think because you have been "cornering" the three, six or eight cent that your neighbor has not. But he has, and can probably exhibit as many as you.

So let us not, for the sake of the past pleasant recollections of moments spent with our collections, wander into ways that will cause us to throw away our collections for ever. And the future of the Columbian, you ask? Only time, which can answer all questions, and solve all mysteries, can answer what is the future of the Columbians.

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PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

BY A. W. BULLOCK.

PHILATELIC literature, in these days when so much is claimed for the advancement of Philately, is not what it should be

Not that there is a lack of magazines, and so-called magazines, all of which aspire and pretend to fill the popular demand for high class publications. There are, alas, too many of these, a glut which only time can and surely will reduce.

But after the years of experience, that some of our journals have had, and the undeniable genius of a few well known contributors, there should be a better literary style and a higher order of writing prevalent. Literary genius, directed into the channels of philatelic journalism by inspiration, and the natural tendency of its authors, has certainly a field for much wider scope of subject, thought and treatment, than is at the present time given. And that we have literary genius in our ranks is an undoubted fact, for it has shown forth in our writers in the past, and is daily becoming more apparent. It is unnecessary to mention the names here, for our principal writers are known to the world of our fraternity.

A writer of genius is not he who expresses his own sentiments, but the deep, united feeling of his class or people. There is ample room for thought, and subject for study, and brilliant expression in the article which is in its nature wholly philatelic. What thoughts, what sentiments, what memories, are there not in the dreamings of every true lover of our fascinating pursuit? They are, I venture to say, unlimited. Let them then be expressed in deeper, more serious and carefully composed productions.

The publications which lay claim to being philatelic magazines in America are of a large and widely varied order, but of these there are few which can truthfully hold the name of first class journals There are, I believe, at the present time journals held in high regard in the philatelic reading circles, which are considering the question of a better class of matter, and making an endeavor to obtain it. Their enterprise is to be commended. It should have come before, but it is never too late to mend, and their reward will be prosperity, certain and sure, whether they be young or old. The ambition of the rising generation is unbounded, and of the American youth, who after a year's stamp collecting, does not think he can start a great stamp journal, there are few indeed. This, in a measure, accounts for the number of weak would-be stamp journals which have in the past two or three years rose, and which are now rising monthly, and dying a natural death after a few issues, in such astonishing numbers.

This class of publication has, without a doubt, done much to retard the development of better philatelic literature. The publisher does not appreciate the value of it, nor could he pay for it if he did, consequently the demand is not stimulated. Let the heavier and more enterprising of our magazines take up the matter, and their readers and the public generally will show their appreciation in stronger support.

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EDITORIAL.

Fernando Poo now has a set of stamps bearing the portrait of his juvenile majesty of Spain.

The Pennsylvania Philatelist is improving month by month. It is now one of the best papers we receive.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, the well known Chicago dealer, has recently opened a branch establishment in Buffalo.

Who would be surprised if shortly every city, town and village in the French Colonies issued a set of stamps? The present indications point in that direction.

We are informed that the remainders of the Portugal and Azores celebration issues will be shortly auctioned off to stamp dealers. This will doubtless reduce the price of these stamps.

It is reported that a large English dealer has just purchased a very fine collection of Afghanistan stamps, for which he paid over $39,000. It evidently is an expensive task to acquire a complete collection of Afghanistan stamps.

The American Bank Note Co no longer prints the U.S. stamps. The work is now being done by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving at Washington. A set similar to the current issue will shortly appear and will be distinguished from those now in use by small ornaments in the upper corners. The new set will also comprise dollar values.

We now have another new weekly, *The Philatelic Era* having discontinued publication as a semi-monthly now appears weekly. The paper bids fair to be one of the best weeklies we have, but would be improved by the addition of a little news matter and fewer clippings. We trust that Brother Jewett will make a success of the paper in its new form.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. have for some time been the victim of a series of heavy losses aggregating about $25,000, through thefts made by their employees. After spending some $5,000 in detective fees they have just discovered the chief culprit, through accident. The woman in question, Lizzie McDermott, has been arrested and other arrests will probably follow.

One of our New Zealand correspondents writes us to the effect that shortly all the Government Departments in New Zealand, such as Defence, Lands, Survey, Education, Railways, etc., (which have been in the habit of franking all correspondence) are in future to use special stamps for each Department. We are not aware as to whether each Department will have a different design, or whether the current issue will be surcharged. We shall have further information shortly.

Mr. J. A. Caron, of Rimouski, Que., desires us to warn collectors and dealers against the following parties, whom he claims are frauds of the worst description : Nardochi Arigheti, Suez, Egypt; Chas. P. Drokier, Regalle, Ceylon; Maurice Belin, Brussels, Belgium. He also sent in February, 1887, the sum of $11.00 by P. O. order to L. D. and J. K. Ferguson and Co., of 50 Amberly Road, Harrow Road, London, W., England, for certain stamps advertised by them and up to the present time has received nothing, although they acknowledged receipt of his order.

It will be remembered that in August, 1890, Messrs. Deats and Sterling purchased from the U. S. Government a very large lot of U. S. Revenues, such as beer, spirits and tobacco stamps, the lot containing over 500 varieties. At the great Inter-State Fair which was held at Trenton, N. J., Sept. 28th to Oct. 2nd, 1891, they distributed over 50,000 of these stamps to those who visited their display. The stamps are large and by no means attractive. Yet there are many who enjoy collecting them. If the Government were only to issue all the circus posters that are used we doubt not but some would collect them !

After our March issue was mailed we decided to discontinue THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST and have the subscriptions filled by a well-known American magazine. Our subscribers will doubtless be glad to know that we have altered our decision and that in future this paper will appear regularly. We begin re-issueing the paper with the August number in order that the new volume will begin with January, 1895. This issue is late, but by October we expect to be able to publish promptly on the first of the month as heretofore. This number is somewhat smaller than usual, however we will re-ume our 16 page form when we get caught up. As our second-class rates have been cancelled all future issues will be prepaid by stamps. Subscrip'ion rates remain unaltered for the present.

We quote the following from *Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal* : " We are very glad to be able to announce to our readers that the London Philatelic Society has decided, after taking certian steps, which we hope and believe, will result in meeting two long felt philatelic wants. One of these is a definite and fairly reliable authority upon the really good and dangerous imitations, and the well executed frauds purporting to be rare and valuable stamps ; the other is a kind of registration office of the known specimens of the rarer stamps, through which the history of individual copies may be traced, and which will at the same time preserve a good record of doubtful types and dangerous imitations, and thus assist in preventing the free circulation of the latter. The Society in appointing an Expert Committee to deal with the former of these difficulties has at the same time entrusted to that committee the task of endeavoring to supply the second want also ; and it is hoped the arrangements made, which such modifications as may from time to time become necessary, will be found fairly adequate. The members of the Committee, who are all men whose time is pretty well occupied, are not anxious to burden themselves with the examination of unlimited numbers of common stamps, either genuine or forged ; their desire is rather to confine their attention at present to more serious matters, to deal with stamps requiring both *examination* and *registration*. With this view and to cover the necessary expenses, they have decided upon making a charge of 2/6 for each stamp examined ; and we think that when all the circumstances are taken into consideration, this charge will not be found exorbitant. It must be remembered that the stamps to be examined will not in many cases, be such as can be approved or condemned off-hand, but many require careful examination and study by each member of the Committee, and close comparison with known genuine copies, further, the members do not propose to rely on their own knowledge and experience—they would not have accepted the office on such terms,—but they feel that they have at their backs a body of specialists upon whom they are entitled to call in all cases of doubt, and whose opinions will carry far greater weight than their own. There will therefore be no small amount of expenditure upon postage and registration. Besides this each specimen declared to be genuine will be photographed ; one copy of the photograph will be filed by the Committee for future reference, and a second copy with the opinion of the Committee written upon it, will be forwarded with the original to the party submitting it, who will thus obtain an opinion which will at the same time form a document by means of which the specimen may be identified. When the opinion of the Committee is unfavorable a photograph will not be transmitted to the sender, but such a record of bad or doubtful types will be preserved as will, it is hoped, render the further circulation of these particular specimens exceedingly difficult. It is perhaps a question whether such a Committee should insist on being allowed to brand in some indelible manner any specimens as to the falsity of which they have no doubt, the present members are not, however, inclined to assume such a position of infallibility as this would involve, or to run the risk of irretrievable damaging what might turn out to be a genuine stamp. It only remains for us to add that the Committee, as at present composed, consists of Messrs. E. D. Bacon, M. P. Castle and E. B. Evans, and that stamps sent for examination accompanied by the fee of 2/6 for each, should be sent to Major E. B. Evans, Longton Ave, Sydenham, England. The receipt of the stamps will be immediately acknowledged, but there will be necessarily a delay of some days before a final reply can be given." The above speaks for itself, therefore no comment is necessary. We feel sure that many of our readers will feel grateful for the above opportunity.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

OUR PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S MEETING.

CAPTAIN MILDMAY

FOR MORE than a year there has been a club in our town called "The Sherbrooke Philatelic Society,' and of course Sue has to belong to it. The society has its meetings every two weeks at each of the members houses, alternately, and last week it was its turn to meet at our place.

Nothing would do but that Sue must have some refreshments for after the business of the meeting, and after a great deal of talking she decided on ice cream, and as she thinks the ice cream that our candy shop man makes isn't good enough for her, what did she do but get father to buy an ice cream freezer, and said that she would make it herself and that I was to help her.

The afternoon before the meeting Sue sent me to our store man to order some salt. I asked her what she wanted with salt, and she said that you couldn't make ice cream without salt no more than you could without ice. I went to the store and ordered the salt, and then had a game or two at ball with the boys, so it was late in the afternoon when I got home. There was Sue making the ice cream, and suffering dreadfully, so she said. She had to go and get dressed right away, and told me to keep turning the freezer till the ice cream froze, and don't run away and leave me to do everything again, you good-for-nothing boy. I wonder how you can do it.

I turned the freezer for ever so long, but the ice cream wouldn't freeze, so I made up my mind that it wanted more salt. As I didn't want to disturb Sue, I quietly got a cupful of salt and emptied it into the ice cream. It began to freeze right away, but when I tasted it it was awfully salt, so I got a jug of golden syrup that was on the kitchen table, and poured most of it into the ice cream, and when it was done it was a beautiful straw color.

The meeting came off splendid. Mr. Ivens, Mr. Western and Sue read some pieces about stamps, but I couldn't understand them. Mr. Stephens read a piece of philatelic poetry, that he had written especially for the occasion, at least they called it poetry, but it didn't sound very much like poetry, and most everybody was glad when he was done. Then Mr. Ivens showed everybody his stamp album. I couldn't see it from where I was hid, so I can't tell you what it was like.

There was an awful scene when the meeting tried to eat the ice cream. Sue handed everybody a dishful, and said: "This is my ice cream, and you must be sure and like it." The first one she gave it to was Mr. Western, who's dreadfully fond of ice cream. He smiled a big smile, and said "he was sure that it was splendid, and then took a spoonful; but it did not seem to agree with him, for he jumped up as if something had bit him, and ran out of the room. Two other men who had tried to eat their ice cream, jumped up and ran after Mr. Western, and two girls said: 'Oh, my!" Then everybody put down their dish and guessed they wouldn't have any.

The meeting was regular spoiled and I really don't wonder that everybody didn't like the ice cream, for I found out afterwards that the syrup in the jug, that I put in the ice cream, wasn't golden syrup at all, but some medicine that the doctor left for our sick horse.

Sue was in a dreadful state of mind after the meeting had gone home, and made me tell her all about the syrup and the salt. She really made out that I did it all on purpose, and father took her part, and said that I ought to be made eat the ice cream since I had spoiled it, and that he would attend to my case in the morning.

If you have ever been a boy you will know what happened in the morning; but I will not dwell on such painful scenes longer. I'm sure it wasn't my fault that the medicine wasn't golden syrup; it was all the doctor's; but I couldn't get father to understand that.

I admit that I did wrong, but I didn't mean to do so. My only desire was to help my dear sister, but you'll not catch me helping her again, and the next time she wants to make ice cream I think that she will have to get Mr. Ivens or Mr. Western to help her.

Herr Schneiderkopf (at a meeting of the Philatelic Verein)—"I moof dot Herr Fleisher read his paper on 'Die Briefmarken des Schlesweig-Holstein,' righdt avay."

Herr Schimmelpfennig (excitedly)—"I moof dot Herr Schneiderkopf was not in order. Die shentlemans of der glub haf not dere beer already had."

The President—"I veto die first motion, and I see tot die second motion can be passed mit oudt voting."

Angelica Marmaduke called Hamilton Walsingham down in a pretty smooth way last Sunday evening. Hamilton is too persistent in his hours of courtship, and is so bow limbed that he cannot form a lap, and therefore has no share of Angelica's affections. Sunday night, a little after twelve, Hamilton remarked:—

"Angie, do you know I'm getting to be a regular freak. Besides my bric-a-brac and autographs I'm collecting stamps now."

"Well, said Angelica, "some people are born freaks, some acquire freaks, and *others* have freaks thrust upon them."

NEW POST OFFICE METHODS.

State Senator Okanogan Smith made a half million dollars in mines in a little town named Sooyoor, Wash. When he died a year ago his wife was appointed postmistress, and on going away on a visit, appointed one of the young men of the town deputy. Last week an inspector strolled in and asked how business was.

Oh, purty fair, said the deputy. Reckon I can send out 'nother bag of mail by the end of the month. She's half full now. And he held up the regulation sack for inspection. It was two-thirds full.

End of the month! cried the inspector. What on earth do you mean?

Why I guess that old bag'll be full by the end of the month. Hav'nt been but three weeks gathering all these. An' old man Brown said he'd mail lot of letters about next Sunday.

The mail contained several thousand dollars and went out that night, even if the bag was only half full, and the Sooyoor postoffice will be discontinued

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THE FREEMASONRY OF PHILATELY.

BY C. E. JENNEY.

THE unity of stamp collectors is remarkable I doubt if ever was a pursuit which could equal philately in bringing into friendly intercourse so many sorts and conditions of the human race. To call one's self a philatelist, to have in one's pocket some stamps to exhibit or to exchange is a passport into any household, whatever may be its social status, where another philatelist dwells, and many such there be in our land and lands outre mer. If it were not so universal one might say that it was the Yankee love for driving a trade, but it is the same the world over.

They say the Czar of Russia is a stamp collector, which I have my doubts about, but it brings a fanciful picture to my mind. A convict sentenced to Siberia for life, he demands an audience of the Czar, and, of course, is refused but again he demands it and sends word that he is a collector of stamps. "In that case let us see him." says the Czar and he is ushered into the royal presence, the Czar and his victim look over each other's collections and talk "stamps" and trade stamps for an hour. At last the vis tor rises to depart. "Well, good day, sir," says the Czar, "if you can get another of those old Mauritius let me know." The guards look questioningly at the Czar "Shall we take him away?" they ask. The Czar nods. The guards hesitate a little and look puzzled. "To Siberia?" The Czar looks up and replies, "To Siberia." And the life exile is led away exulting over the rare Persian stamp he has just acquired from the Czar. Perhaps this is overdrawn, but this is certain there are thousands of collectors in the U. S. who have never traveled far from their homes, but who subscribe to philatelic papers and directories, and correspond with philatelists in other places, and if any of these should start out on a journey there is scarcely a city or large town in the U. S. in which they would not find some philateli-t whose name is known to them and who would heartily welcome them, and whom they would even go out of their way to visit. Philatelists are comrades. There is a sign which makes them all brothers, and that is —a stamp. I have seen lawyers and street gamins, doctors and their patients, bank presidents and school boys discussing and trading stamps, all social distinction forgotten. The possessor of the best collection, or the best duplicates, or superior knowledge of stamps was the best man.

Coming to a Western town where I was almost unacquainted with anyone, my hobby has led me in contact with many whom otherwise I might never have met, and has made me many friends. I remember once hearing a collector say—an orphan, and almost friendless, and a wanderer on the face of the earth—"My chief pleasure in moving to a new locality is the thought that I may meet new collectors, my chief regret that I must leave the old ones." Great is the influence of philately, and yet it is not a science but merely a fad, a craze; and we, its followers, are cranks and know it.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST

MY MIDNIGHT VISITOR.

BY BALTIMORE.

IT WAS an awful night It looked as if all the weather of the past month was being crowded into the last few days of November. During the last four or five weeks rainy days had been as scarce as the New Haven envelope, but now it was having its revenge

I shuddered with imaginary cold as I drew my chair up to the open grate, and taking my album from my table rested it on my knees and began turning over page by page.

I had a good opportunity for getting foreign stamps, as I had traveled around a good deal with my father who had considerable influence.

I had been to the ruins of ancient Troy many times, and I sat wondering whether they ever had postage stamps and, if so, what they were like; and I thought of Ulysses, and the Trojan War, and of Warlike Achilles, and Fair Helen, and the other heroes, until I was asleep in my chair.

I was suddenly roused from reverie by a deep sigh seemingly coming from over my right shoulder.

I started up and saw a man—if such he might be called—looking intently at the pages of my album.

He turned as if to go, but after a little hesitation sat down.

He was truly a wonder, with a half sad, half angry spectral face, and dressed in the garb of the ancient Greeks.

He presented the appearance, in dress, of some of the men I had just been thinking about.

"Who are you," I said sternly, though frightened at the strange apparition beside me.

"I did not mean for you to see me, but seeing a bright light in the room I stepped in and was looking at those bits of pape in that book, which I suppose are stamps, although I supposed they were long out of use, since I have not seen any since the siege of Troy."

He talked in a broken voice as if it was weighed down by sadness.

"So you have seen the siege of Troy," I said amazed, though somewhat frightened at the man who had lived so long. "And what kind of stamps did they have?" I continued.

"Yes," he said, "for oft have I used them in sending epistles to my loved ones. But King——, at the bidding of the gods, burnt all of them, and commanded that their name should not be mentioned by anyone, on the penalty of death."

"What were they like?" I inquired, more amazed than ever at this revelation.

"Nearly all of them were burnt, but I kept a few, and will show them to you."

So saying he drew a piece of folded papyrus from his mantle and handed them to me.

"Why did your king burn them up?" I inquired as I unfolded the paper.

"So the Greeks would not learn their use," said my visitor.

But I had the paper unfolded now and was gazing at it. It was covered with queer characters, and had two red pictures at the top, which my visitor said was the king's head.

It was printed on the paper as our letter sheets, but much larger.

"So these are Trojan stamps," I murmured to myself, stupified by the discovery.

"Yes," said my visitor sadly, "and the letter they carried contained news of my family having been killed"

"I will give you $50 00 for them," I said, although I did not have half that amount of money, but thought that I might sell one for that amount and keep the other one. What a stamp I would have to show. Scott would have to make a new place in his album. The Philatelic world would be shaken.

"Worldly youth," he said smiling sadly, "what is money to me. I, the son of a king," here his eyes flashed—"but now a hated—," here he stopped, and I shrank back frightened at the expression of his face

But he continued in his old voice, "Be not afraid, you may keep the stamps, and may they give you more pleasure than they have me, good-bye, and may you enjoy my little gift."

He opened the door and vanished in the darkness. My noctural visitor was gone.

I watched the door close in surprise, and then turned with the greatest joy imaginable to look at the stamps. They were gone! The draught of air from the door had blown them into the fire

I sprang forward from my chair to grasp them, but jumped back as suddenly, my fingers burnt very bad. I had been asleep and my father had just come in. "What's the matter," he asked, but I never told him.

MAKING STAMPS.

HOW UNCLE SAM LOOKS AFTER THE LITTLE STICKERS

I AM the first newspaper man to whom has been granted the privilege of witnessing the processes by which Uncle Sam is beginning to print his own postage stamps at the bureau of engraving and printing. The wheels have started, and before many days the machines will be turning out the parallelograms of red, blue and green paper at a rate to supply the postoffice department with the required 40,000 000 sheets per annum. Each sheet, as furnished to the government, will consist of 100 stamps

The printing is done on queer looking presses, each of which produce 1,600 stamps a minute, or about 100,000 an hour. Each press has an endless chain that carries four plates, on which the de igns of the stamps are engraved. On each plate 400 stamps are represented. The sheets printed from these plates are intended to be cut into quarters eventually, in which shape they will be sold by the postoffice department.

Each plate is carried by the endless chain first under an ink roller, from which it receives a coating of ink of the proper color. Then it passes beneath a pad of canvas, which oscillates so as to rub the ink in. Next it pauses for a moment under the hands of a man who polishes the plate.

Finally a sheet of white paper is laid upon the plate both pass under a roller, and the sheet comes out on the other side 400 printed postage stamps. The plates revolve in a circle, as it were —more accurately speaking, they move around the four sides of a square in a horizontal plane.

While one is being inked another is being rubbed by the canvas, another is being polished, and the fourth is passing under the printing roller. The circuit takes about a minute, during which four sheets of 400 stamps each are printed.

The most important part of the work, requiring the greatest skill, is the polishing. It is done with the bare hands, no other method being equally efficient The object is to leave exactly enough ink for a good impression, and no more. One girl lays the white paper sheets u on the plates while another young woman removes them as fast as they are printed and stacks them up in a pile.

This process gives the results of hand press work. Half a dozen presses working together, each turning out 100,000 stamps an hour, can p oduce a good many millions in a day. Three hands are required for each press—the printer, who does the polishing, and two girls.

The printer must account for every sheet of blank paper that he received. These sheets are counted in the wetting division before they are delivered to him After they are printed they are counted before they are sent to the examining division, where they are counted again.

Spoiled sheets are counted as carefully as perfect ones because they represent money. If lost or stolen, they could be used. On each sheet appears the special mark of the printer who turned it out. An allowance of one and one-half per cent is made to him for spoilage.

If he exceeds the allowance, he must pay for the extra loss at the actual cost of paper, ink, and labor represented. This rule does not apply yet, for the presses are hardly adjusted, and hundreds of sheets have been spoiled in experiments. If a sheet is lost the individual who handled it will be required to pay face value for the stamps represented. If the person responsible cannot be found the division which last handled the sheet must pay.

No loophole is left for the loss of a single one-cent stamp. After being examined the sheets are counted again and are put between straw boards under an hydraulic press to make them lie flat. Thus they are counted more easily and can be made up into smaller bundles.

After undergoing this process they are counted once more and are sent down stairs to be gummed and perforated. For these purposes the bureau of engraving has purchased entirely new machinery, and the means employed are more than ordinarily interesting. The method of gumming is a novelty,

being wholly different from that utilized hitherto in such work.

It is much more rapid and efficient, and before long will doubtless supersede the old plan, which is even now applied to the gumming of cigarette stamps for the internal revenue The paste is applied to the cigarette stamp by hand with brushes. As fast as they are gummed they are laid sheet by sheet on slatted frames, which are piled in stacks.

The stacks are wheeled on trucks into a room where they are placed in front of electric fans, so that the cool air may dry them. Hot air would accomplish the purpose more quickly, but it would be hard on the workwomen. For this reason the slower process is adopted. The new method, to be applied to the postage stamps, will be an immense improvement in every way.

The machines for this purpose have just been set up. There are two of them, exactly alike, and one will do for description. Imagine a wooden box nearly 60 feet long, four feet high and three feet wide. From end to end runs what might be taken for the skeleton of a trough.

This skeleton projects from the box for a few feet at either extremity. The box is traversed by two endless chains, running side by side, two feet apart. Into one end the sheets of printed stamps are fed one by one. As it is fed into the machine each sheet passes under a roller, like the roller of a printing press, to which a gum made of dextrine is slowly supplied

The sheet takes up a coat of this mucilage on its lower side and is carried on by the endless chain through the long box. This box is a hot-air box, being heated by steam pipes. At the other end of it the sheets are delivered at the rate of 18 a minute Just one minute is required for a sheet to pass through the box, and it is delivered perfectly dry.

The gummed sheets thus delivered are passed over to a long table, where girls pick them up in pairs, and, placing the gummed sides together, put them between layers of straw boards. Arranged in this way they are placed under a steam press to flatten them, the mucilage having caused them to curl somewhat.

On coming out of the press they are counted again, and now they go to the perforating machine that make the pinholes by which it is rendered easy to tear the stamps apart.

The perforating machine is an arrangement of little wheels revolving parallel to each other and just far enough apart to make the perforations as one sees them in a sheet of finished stamps fresh bought at the post office. After the perforations have been made across the sheet one way by one machine the sheet must pass through a second machine for the cross perforations.

In the middle of each machine is a knife which cuts the sheet in two, so that the sheet of 400 comes out of the machine No. 1 in two sheets of 200 each, and these are divided into four sheets of 100 each by the second perforating machine.

The stamps are now done and only remain to be gone over, inspected, counted and tagged in packages of 100 sheets before being sent out. Each package of 100 sheets holds 10,0.0 stamps, of course.

But stay ! There are one or two more preliminaries yet After receiving the perforations the sheets of 100 are put under a press to remove the "burrs" around the little holes, otherwise these would greatly increase the thickness of a package. Then they are counted and placed in steel-clad vaults, from which they are drawn as the post office department may want them.

The bureau of engraving has not yet begun to furnish stamps to the government, but is all ready to do so. In response to orders received from the post office department it will put the stamps up in packages, address them to postmasters who require them and deliver at the post office in Washington for mailing.

The post office department now has an agency at the bureau of engraving. When a postmaster wants stamps he makes out a requisition upon the department. The latter will communicate with its agent in the bureau, who will draw upon the bureau every day for as many stamps as he requires to fill the orders thus transmitted to him.

All this business used to be done in New York city, where the stamp agent received the stamps from the American Bank Note Company in bulk, his business being to put them up in packages and send them off by mail. The inks used for printing the stamps are manufactured at the bureau of printing and engraving. The materials are bought in the shape of dry colors and linseed oil.

The colors come in the shape of powders. The only stamps turned out thus far are the two-cent red and the one cent blue. For the former carmine is used, and for the latter ultramarine. Both colors are "toned" by the admixture of other ingredients - the carmine with paris white and white lead. Pure carmine would be very costly.

Ultramarine is not very expensive but it is too "strong" in the printers' phrase—that is to say, too dark. It used to be the costliest of colors, being made from the precious lapis lazuli. But in recent years chemists, having analyzed the lapis lazuli, have produced in the laboratory a successful imitation of the color-stuff

For making the ink the color powder is combined with linseed oil and ground between rollers. Each printer receives every morning his allowance of ink, and sharp account is kept of every bit used. Uncle Sam will save about $50,000 a year by printing his own postage stamps.—*Washington Star.*

STRAY HUMOR.

Mrs. Upthecreek—Well, here is a letter from my son John !

Postmaster—Well, what do I want with that? I delivered it to you yesterday.

Mrs. Upthecreek—I know you did ; but, don't you see, it says on the envelope, "return in five days to John Upthecreek, New York !" Though what in the world John wants me to return his letters for, I can't understand !

"And you really consider it good luck to find a horseshoe, then?"

"Certainly. They're worth two cents apiece at any junk dealer's, and every little helps these hard times."

Cape Elizabeth, Me., has a sensitive youth. He inquired at the post office for letters for his mother. "What is your mother's name?" asked the clerk. "None of your business," answered the boy. "Her name is on the letter and you ought to know without asking me."

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EDITORIAL.

It is said that the Kewkiang 1c recently issued has already been counterfeited.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mr. R Wuesthaff, the counterfeit detector of the American Philatelic Association.

In the advertisement of Mr. A. F. Wicks, on the last page of the cover, the figure "$1" should be omitted in the second line of Packet No. 20.

The number in the bracket on the wrapper, indicates the number with which your subscription expires. Renew promptly, otherwise we cannot continue the paper.

Mr. R. E. Smith, of Detroit, Mich., proposes to issue a monthly black list, for which a charge of ten cents per copy will be made. We doubt the feasibility of the scheme.

A miniature publication, almost too small to mention, is *The Pipestone Philatelist*, hailing from Pipestone, Minn., it consists of eight pages and cover; but the pages are so small that the entire paper can be read in five minutes.

We see by *Mekeel's Weekly*, that the 5c. 1890 issue of the United States, exists in the exact shade of the 4c. of the same issue, and that the shade is not the result of a chemical change, but are believed to be legitimately issued in that color.

Our fourth volume begins with our January issue, and promptly on January 1st, our subscription rates will be advanced to fifty cents per year. Now is the time to subscribe, as no subscription will be received after the end of December, at the present rates.

The Philatelic Review of Reviews is a new paper of very fine typographical appearance, and with Mr. L. G. Quackenbush as editor, there is little doubt that the paper will be a literary success, but as to the paper paying from a financial standpoint, that is something which few papers do

We would call the attention of our readers to our list of Cheap Sets in this issue. A number of additions will be made to the same, month by month. The prices will be found low, and to every collector, not already a subscriber, ordering $1.00 worth or more at one time, will receive as premium a years subscription to this journal.

The U. S Government has ceased manufacturing the letter-sheet envelopes, and when the supply on hand at present is exhausted, their use will be discontinued. Those who have not secured the same should do so at an early date. We do not know of any reason for this step. Other countries are using these letter-sheets with apparent success.

Messrs R. F. Albrecht & Co., will hold their 23rd auction sale, on November 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th. The firm will hold this sale in London, England, instead of New York as formerly. A very fine lot of stamps is offered, there being very many rarities in the sale, the greater part of which comprises the collection of a well known New York collector.

As soon as we have overtaken Father Time, we shall resume our sixteen page form. We are glad to note the interest our readers are taking in the increase of our circulation. To any one who will secure us four subscribers and forward the sub

scriptions to us with $1.00, we will give a years subscription free. Induce four of your collecting friends to subscribe.

We have received a circular from L. J. de Figueiredo, No 5 Caine Road, Hong Kong, announcing the publication of *The Hong Kong Philatelic Journal*. The first and only paper confined to stamp collecting ever started in Hong Kong, will commence publication on January 1st, 1895. According to the circular, it will consist of twenty pages of interesting reading matter and advertisements, and will be issued monthly, appearing on the first day of each month. We trust it will be a literary as well as financial success.

The Lone Star State Philatelist is a new weekly of which we have seen some six or seven numbers. We cannot say much in regard to the literary merit of its contents, but it may improve with age. A year ago it was considered that one could lose any amount of money in a monthly, but to present appearances it would seem as though a monthly did not sink money fast enough, hence the number of new weeklies. In Philatelic publishing, the question asked you is not "how much did you make?" but "how much did you lose in your venture?"

The new U. S. stamps are coming into general use. They are distinguished from the 1890 issue by small triangles in the upper corners. Those we have seen vary considerably in color. Evidently the Bureau of Engraving and Printing are experimenting with the colors. The dollar values are not yet on sale. We presume that there will be a new design for these values. The new postage due stamp is also before us. The color is similar to the preceding set, but the design is smaller and much neater. The majority of the final lot of Columbians have now disappeared, and very few are now seen on correspondence, the 1890 issue having of late been almost exclusively used.

In a recent issue of *The American Philatelic Magazine*, Mr. E. R. Aldrich gives some interesting notes on U. S. stamps. This is the gentleman who wrote a very interesting article on Confederate States Stamps for us, which appeared in a recent issue. He is authority for the statement that the California State Revenues 8c., pink and 20c., red, exchange first, solid lettering, no period after tax, on white waterlined paper, are the rarest of State revenues, and are almost unique, only two specimens of each being known. Fifteen thousand specimens of the Victor E. Mauger, Playing Card Stamp 5c, blue, were sold at a New York auction sale a few years ago, and as a result it is not to be expected that this stamp will be rare at a very early date.

The Philatelic Record furnishes the following report of the great German Congress of Philatelists: Between the 14th and 17th of July, our German Philatelic brethren held their annual congress at Keil, on the invitation of the Keil Society. Some two hundred Philatelists were present, and the visitors were received by the Keil Society with the greatest hospitality. The principal papers that were read, were by Dr. Brendicke, on "The Future of Philately," in which he explained the necessity of specializing; by Dr. F. Ralckhoff, on the "Preservation of Stamps," in which he warned collectors against the use of hot water, bad gum, and the exposure of the stamps to the light; on the stamps of Heligoland, by Herr Lindenberg, in which he gave from official sources the number issued of each value, and the dates when they were issued and printed. The list is necessarily too long to be mentioned here, but it may be found in the August number of the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*, from which we borrow our account of what took place. Herr Leon Brummer reverted to the question of reprints of the Bavarian stamps and expressed himself as now perfectly satisfied that no reprints of these stamps has ever been made, etc., etc.

The following in reference to the rarest stamps in the world, may prove interesting to our readers: We note the following list of rare stamps in *The Illustrirtes Briefmarken Journal*, giving their comparative rarity and value as usually considered correct.

1	Mauritius, Post Office, 1d.	$4000 00
2	Mauritius, Post Office, 2d.	2000 00
3	Sandwich Islands, 1st issue, 2c.	1200 00
4	British Guiana, 1856, 1c., carmine	725 00
5	British Guiana, 1850, 2c., rose	500 00

It is however claimed that the following list is nearer correct, basing their claim on the actual number of each stamp known to exist.

1 British Guiana, 1856, 1c., carmine.
2 Sandwich Islands, 1st issue, 2c.
3 British Guiana, 1850, 2c., rose.
4 Mauritius, Post Office, 1d.
5 Mauritius, Post Office, 2d.

There is but one specimen of the British Guiana, 1856, 1c. known, which is in the hands of a collector who would not sell it at any price. Of the Sandwich Islands only four are known. The British Guiana 2c. brought $1010.00 at the Dr. Coppet sale, a low price considering that only six specimens are known, whereas of the Mauritius 1d. and 2d. about sixteen are known. An unused pair of these sold for $3400.00 some time ago. There are a few other stamps among which we might mention the Milbury and New Haven, which are undoubtedly rarer than some of the above named stamps.—*Philatelic Monthly.*

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Argentine 12 varieties	10	India, Puttialla, 4 varieties	10
Azores, 5 varieties	10	Italy, various, 25 varieties	15
Baden, land post 3 varieties	05	Jamaica, Official, 3 varieties	04
Bavaria return letter, 6 varieties R	10	Japan, Telegraph, 4 varieties	03
Belgium, 12 varieties	05	Japan, 10 varieties	05
Belgium postal packet, 6 varieties	10	*Kew Kiang, 2 varieties	04
*Benin, 1-10c., 4 varieties	10	*Labuan, 1892, 7 varieties	2 00
*Bergedorf, 1861, 5 varieties R	10	Luxemburg 5 varieties	05
Bulgaria, 9 varieties	10	Macao, Crown Type, 5 to 300r., 10 varieties	1 25
Bolivia, 4 varieties	10	Malta, 2 varieties	05
Brazil, 15 varieties	20	Mauritius, 4 varieties	10
Br. Guiana, 4 varieties	05	Mexico, many different issues, 50 varieties	95
Bulgaria unpaid, 4 varieties	10	*Mexico, Port d Mar, 6 varieties, 1880	20
Bolivar, 1879 4 varieties	10	*Monaco, 4 varieties	10
Bolivar, 1880, 4 varieties	15	Natal, 5 varieties	05
Bolivar, 1882 4 varieties	45	Nicaragua, 1890, Official, 1c -10p., 10 varieties	50
Bolivar, 1883, 4 varieties	15	*Nicaragua, 1891, Official, 1c.-10p., 10 varieties	50
Bolivar, 1885, 4 varieties	15	*Nicaragua, 1892, Official, 1c.-10p , 10 varieties	50
Bosnia 1879, rn. to 25n., 7 varieties	20	*Nicaragua, Envelopes, 1892, 5 varieties	20
Br. Colonials, assorted, 100 varieties	15	*Nicaragua Wrappers, 1892, 3 varieties	10
Costa Rica, 13 varieties	10	Newfoundland, 5 varieties	10
Cape of Good Hope, 5 varieties	05	New South Wales, 5 varieties	05
Canada, 1859, 1, 5, 10 and 12½c	60	*New Brunswick, 1, 2, 5 and 17c., 4 varieties	35
Canada, 1868, ½, 1, 2, 3 and 6c , 5 varieties	30	*New Brunswick, 2 and 5c , 2 varieties	08
Canada, 1882-93, ½-20c., 8 varieties	50	New Zealand, 5 varieties	05
*Canada, Envelopes and Wrappers, 3 varieties, entire	10	Norway, 7 varieties	04
*Canada, Post Card, 1871-79, 4 varieties, complete	20	Orange Free State, 3 varieties	04
Canada, Law F. F., green, 10c to $1.00, 7 varieties	40	Persia, 4 varieties	10
Canada, Supreme Court, 6 varieties, complete	3 00	Peru, 5 varieties	05
*Canada, Gas Inspection, 5c. to $10.00, 9 var , complete	10 00	Philipine Islands 4 varieties	05
Canada, Weight and Measure, 5 var., including $2,00	15	*Porto Rico, 1894. ½-8m , 6 varieties	08
Cape Verde, 5 varieties	10	Porto Rico, 10 varieties	10
Ceylon 5 varieties	5	Portuguese Indies 3 varieties	03
Chili, 5 varieties	05	Prince Edward Island, 8 varieties	75
Columbian Republic, 5 varieties	10	Prince Edward Island, 1865, 2 and 3d	14
Constantinople 5 varieties	05	Quebec, Law, dark red, 10-60c , 6 varieties	25
*Cuba, 1894. ½-8m , 6 varieties	15	Quebec, Law, vermilion 10-60c , 6 varieties	25
Cuba, 12 varieties	10	Quebec, Law, $1 00, $2 00, $3 00, $4 00 and $5.00, blue	1 00
Ecuador, 7 varieties	10	Quebec, Assurance, 30 and 40 c., 2 varieties	2 00
Egypt, 10 varieties	10	Roumania, 7 varieties	05
Egypt, unpaid, 1889, 3 varieties	07	Roumania, 25 varieties	25
Eritria, 3 varieties	05	Russia, 15 varieties	10
Finland, 5 varieties	05	*Samoa, 1st issue, 8 varieties R	15
France, 25 varieties	20	*Saxony, 1863, 5 varieties	10
Fr. Colonies, 25 varieties	25	Spain, 50 varieties	50
Germany, 15 varieties	05	Straits Settlements, 5 varieties	10
Gibraltar, 2 varieties	05	Sweden Losen, 10 varieties	15
Gold Coast, 4 varieties	10	Sweden, 10 varieties	05
Great Britain, 25 varieties	1	*Swiss, Telegraph, 4 varieties	10
Greece, 7 varieties	05	*Swiss, 1862-81, 2-40, 6 varieties	03
Greece, 12 varieties	10	Tasmania, 3 varieties	05
Grenada, 3 varieties	07	*Trinidad, 1851, unused, 4 varieties, complete	15 50
*Guadeloupe, 1893 1-5, 4 varieties	10	Turkey, 10 varieties	10
Guatemala 5 varieties	10	Uruguay, 2 varieties	03
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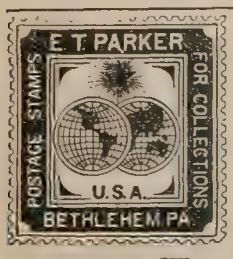

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IT NOW seems to be generally conceded, by those best qualified to judge, that Philately is more than a mere pastime and fully deserves to be called a study, if not, indeed, a science. The concensus of Philatelic opinion points to the conclusion that Philately possesses most of the qualities which are requisites of a pursuit wishing to fill the role of a science, though it cannot yet fairly be said to have attained that honor.

A large part of the contempt and ridicule with which the proposal to term Philately a science has been received is due to the fact that so very few collectors take up the study in a systematic way. The purpose of this article is to point out to those who have heretofore collected everything which came under their notice that was within reach of their purses, the superiority of a pre-arranged plan of collecting.

In any project whatsoever, a clearly defined plan of action is a vital necessity. In making a study of any subject it is impossible to obtain a clear and comprehensive knowledge of the subject, as a whole, by desultory and irregular reading. Educators have long recognized the necessity of systematic courses of study; the work of business men is systematized in every department of commercial life; even in the sporting world we find the value of systematic training and exercise recognized by all.

To reap the most good from such a study as Philately we must, from the very beginning, have a well defined object in view. Sporadic collecting cannot be satisfactory; it is that class of Philatelists who only snatch a moment now and then for their chosen pursuit who form a large part of the deserters. The true Philatelist has almost always a goal in mind which he is striving to reach; it may be the will-o-the-wisp of absolute completeness; or the easier goal of comparative completeness; or the still more sought for prize of specialistic completeness, that is, completeness in the stamps of a certain country or portion of the globe; but in either case the collector knows what he is working for, what he should study, and to what end his efforts are leading him.

The phrase, "systematic collecting," as used in my title is, perhaps, a trifle obscure, and requires a brief explanation as to its exact meaning. I can best define it by illustration Probably three-fourths of those who are interested in the collecting of postage stamps lack system. All beginners necessarily do, as they know but little, on first entering the field, of the real extent of the study. But this lack of system is not by any means confined to beginners. Hundreds and thousands of experienced Philatelists have no well-defined plan of collecting. As beginners they collected indiscriminately, and now, though they have long outgrown the place of the novice, they have made no change in their methods. They collect, haphazard, a stamp here and a stamp there; buying those varieties which look the handsomest on the approval sheets; one month bending all their energies to the stamps of one country, and the next, forsaking the old love for some other whose stamps happen to strike their fancy. He who collects thus cannot extract from the pursuit a tithe of the pleasure reaped by the careful investigator and the systematic scholar.

I do not advise all to make a systematic study of the pursuit. There are a few collectors, a very few, so circumstanced that they do well to eschew all system in their Philatelic studies. Some mortals are unfitted by nature for close application, or painstaking research; probably most of these fully recognize the fact themselves, if they pay any heed to Solon's famous maxim, "know thyself." But the great majority of Philatelists would, if they could only bring themselves to think so, gain several distinct benefits from a closer and more systematic study of stamps and stamp lore.

In the first place, the discipline to the mental faculties, which such study gives, should not be underestimated. The minute differences in stamps which seem exactly alike on a casual inspection, yet whose value may vary widely on account of those very differences, which are well nigh invisible to an ordinary eye, are detected by experienced philatelists with comparative ease. Why? Simply because the collector has made it his business to learn everything possible in regard to the specimens which he collects, and, in his study of the minor varieties, has so trained his eye that he recognizes at a glance what the careless loiterer in the Philatelic field would fail to detect. The skin-deep Philatelist may have a smattering of Philatelic erudition, but it is of little practical value to him. It is vague and unsystematized, and hence is anything but satisfactory to a studious mind.

It is a proven fact that those who collect scientifically are far more likely to retain their interest in the pursuit than those who make no effort to delve deeply into its finer side. There is a certain fascination to the study which increases as we become better acquainted with it. No one can really understand its claim until he has actually chosen some particular branch for his field and bent all his energies and becoming an authority on that particular division of the subject. It is the advanced collector who derives the greatest pleasure from his connection with Philately. With the school-boy collector, Philately

is but the pastime of an hour, while with the scientific collector it is the study of a lifetime.

As soon as a collector has passed through his novitiate in the primary class of the great school of Philately he should choose his field, and stick to it, unless, after a trial, he should find his selection injudicious and should believe that some other branch of Philately promises greater returns in the way of pleasure and learning.

Between specialism and generalism I cannot undertake to choose. Until very recently I was a rabid generalist and preached the doctrine on every possible occasion But with the continual increase in the number of collectible varieties specialism is becoming more and more popular, and a systematic study of the stamps of all countries more and more difficult. It may be said, parenthetically, that a majority of those who collect with little apparent system are to be found in the ranks of the generalists. This fact, however, does not prove that a systematic study of the world's emissions is impossible. True, it is an herculean task and requires the expenditure of much time and money, yet, if one is really certain that he can devote a reasonable amount of both time and money to the study of the stamps of all countries he will certainly do well to attempt it. Generalists are quite inclined not only to collect the *postage* stamps of the whole world but the *revenue and telegraph* stamps (and even, sometimes the envelopes and cards), as well.

This is certainly running generalism into the ground. The *postage* stamps alone are sufficient to employ the attention of a student during his entire lifetime, and it is not politic to make your task so hard that you will shudder at the very thought of it

The first point, therefore, is to decide exactly what shall be collected, and this decision is, perhaps, the most important step in the collecting career. The decision made, the collector finds his task mapped out before him and the consideration of ways and means next occupies his attention I do not believe in the common method of buying the cheaper stamps first, mounting them in your album, and then purchasing the rarer varieties as fast as your purse will allow. I prefer to complete one set before attempting the formation of another. In my collection I reverse the usual order by first completing the older sets, as far as possible since in all printed albums the older sets are placed at the top of the page. When these are completed the hardest part of the work is over, and I can secure the stamps of modern issue with comparative ease. I never buy single stamps of a set, unless tempted by a great bargain and, as a rule, find it much cheaper to buy entire sets

I am not one of those who preach one thing and practice another, and I can say from my own experience that since I have forsaken the haphazard, go-as-you-please method of collecting and experimented along the lines which I have attempted to describe in this article I have reaped far more Philatelic pleasure with less labor, yes, even less expenditure than ever before.

There is no valid reason for the lamentable lack of system which no one, acquainted with many Philatelists can fail to have noticed. The true cause, perhaps, that many Philatelic enthusiasts hold the pursuit so lightly, is that they do not ully realize the possibilities of the glorious future or Philately. They consider it the fad of a day, but it will, I firmly believe, prove a permanent study, and one which shall not lose one jot of its popularity in the years to come. A systematic study of its every phase will certainly be one step toward the Philatelic millenium.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

CHARLEY'S MISFORTUNE.

BY W. J. SABOURIN.

CHARLEY TURNER, a friend of mine, is an enthusiastic stamp collector, and when ill-luck sometimes follows him he is one of the most curious men I ever met. It is impossible to speak a word of stamp matter when something disgraceful has happened him some way. He would send you to your corner or say words which are not, I might admit, quite exemplary. Anyhow he is built like that, and years to come will not change him a bit. I felt so glad the other day over one of his misfortunes that I cannot abstain from telling the story

Six months ago a fellow named Dorset came to one of Charley's friends and asked him how much a million stamps were worth, the other, who was also a collector, made him a lot of questions and finally said that $10 would be a fair price to pay for them anyway. Charley, who was working at the same place, on hearing the conversation inquired into the matter and decided to borrow the money and buy the whole lot the following week.

Dorset immediately wrote a few words to the woman who possessed the stamps in question, and living in York. He asked her to keep them for his friend if she was willing to accept the price agreed upon first. The next day he got the following letter :

York, October 15th, 1893.

DEAR SIR:

Since writing you last I have been offered $25 for my stamps. Please let me know if you will give more.

Yours truly,
MRS. L——.

Charley was looking through his album when Dorset entered the room It was only when the latter said "how are you Charley" that he lifted up his head. Thinking that there was good news about the stamps he was up in one second. He got so excited that an inkstand, placed on his desk, was upset while he was removing, and his Siebeck's issues were doomed. Dorset, knowing what kind of a fellow he was to meet, went to the door but his friend called him to know the result of his correspondence. After a few minutes conversation Charley decided not to take them.

"Maybe yon are missing a snap," said Dorset.

"What kind of stamps are they anyhow?" inquired Charley.

"Don't know the first thing about 'em."

"Well, do you think I am going to pay such a price? This woman is trying to play something on us I'm sure. Who knows? You can drop it for I don't intend to buy a couple of barrels of continentals. I have no use for such trash." And Charley, without a word of thanks, returned to his album, trying to make all right the page of Seebecks.

Dorset quickly disappeared from the room and went to his house without even looking at passers-by. He had the idea to write again and get all the information requried from the old woman.

He forgot all about it the next day and the day after. A week had elapsed, but no attempt had been made to finish the letter that was lying on the desk. A bright Sunday morning, at last, while alone in the house, he flew to his room and continued his terrible letter. A few days after, on entering his office, he noticed the following postal in the mail box :

York, November 30th, 1893.

DEAR SIR :

Very sorry could not wait longer, have sold them for $25 to some one else. Stamps offered were all British North Americans : such as 3 pence 1 penny, 6 pence, 12 pence, New Brunswick Shillings, Nova Scotia Shillings, etc, etc. Thanking you for first offer, I remain, Yours truly,

MRS. L——.

Later on an advertisement appeared in "Comfort" offering pence issues at a high price. It was from the fortunate fellow who bought them from the old wowan. It took one day for Charlie to lose a lot of Seebecks and a fortune. He is crying again over his misfortune.

STRAY HUMOR.

She—I understand you are going to make a tour around the world ?

He—Yes, I am just about to start.

She—I'd be delighted if you would write to me from all the countries you visit.

He—I feel greatly flattered that I may be allowed to write you, but I hardly believe that you will find my letters very interesting.

She—Very true, but you see I am collecting postage stamps !

Friend—If you are so bad off, why don't you apply to your rich brother in Boston for assistance?

Poor Man—I did write to him to assist me, and what do you suppose I got ?

"I have no idea."

"He wrote to me that my letter, asking for assistance, had not reached him."

The young postmaster of an Eastern village was hard at work in his office when a gentle tap was heard upon the door and in stepped a blushing maiden of sixteen, with a money order which she desired cashed. She handed it, with a bashful smile, to the official, who, after closely examining it, gave her the money it called for. At the same time he asked her if she had read what was written on the margin of the order.

"No, I have not," she replied, "for I cannot make it out. Will you please read it for me ?"

The young postmaster read as follows : "I send you $3 and a dozen kisses."

Glancing at the bashful girl, he said : "Now, I have paid you the money and I suppose you want the kisses."

"Yes," she said, "if he has sent me any kisses I want them, too."

It is hardly necessary to say that the balance of the order was promptly paid and in a scientific manner

On reaching home the delighted maiden remarked to her mother :

"Mother, this post office system of ours is a great thing, developing more and more every year, and each new feature seems to be the best. Jimmy sent me a dozen kisses along with the money order, and the postmaster gave me twenty. It beats the special delivery system all hollow.

"STAMPS, please," curtly said the young lady. "With or without ?" queried the facetious drug clerk "With or without ! Without what ?" was the indignant inquiry. "Whiskers, ma'am. One-centers has no whiskers on Columbus. The two-centers have."

"I feel better about lickin' this postage stamp," said the boy who had been sent to mail a letter. "It's nearer my size."

"GIVE me a porous-plaster ; I've got a lame back." We're just out of them ; but here is a Columbian postage stamp, which answers just as well and comes cheaper. We're selling lots of them just now. Wait a minute, and I'll punch a few holes in it for you."

He was a stamp fiend, young and precocious. The plain American stamp had no interest for him. He was making a collection of foreign ones, and so when they sent him down to the post-office for a package he did not pay much attention, but brought it home and handed it over, and skipped out to play tag Next day they showed him a new sister who had arrived. He looked at her with some curiosity.

"Say, where did she come from?"

"Oh, from heaven."

"From heaven ! I know. That was the package I brought from the post-office yesterday, and I never knowed anything about it."

"Yes."

"Golly ! why didn't you save me the stamps ?"

A—I asked you for a hundred marks and you sent me only ninety-eight.

B—Oh, you see, I kept back two marks to pay for the stamps I'll have to use sending you letters requesting you to pay up.

"How many cards did you say ?" asked the stamp clerk at the post office.

"Three," replied the purchaser.

"Give me five," said the next man in line, as he put down 5 cents.

Then the two men looked at each other, and a broad smile spread over the face of each.

Servant—Is there a letter for my master ?

Clerk—Have you an order to get his letters ?

Servant—No.

Clerk—Then you must get one.

Servant (returns in an hour)—Here is the order.

Clerk (looks through the letter)—Very well ; there is no letter to day.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's price list, consisting of 64 pages and cover, and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed, and together with postage, the total cost will be $1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

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EDITORIAL.

The Belgium 5 fr. stamp will go out of use the end of October.

The Porto Rico Columbian stamp has appeared in three different colors, up to date.

The American Philatelic Magazine is the new official organ of The Sons of Philatelia.

The 3c. reprint of the U. S. 1869 issue unused is worth $20, according to the ruling market price.

Publication of *The Collector*, the old official organ of the Sons of Philatelia, has been discontinued.

The Michigan Philatelist (not the first of that name), is announced to appear from Coldwater, Mich., at an early date.

The Ottawa Philatelic Society held its second annual meeting on the 17th inst. The Society is in a flourishing condition.

It is said that at least thirty millions of the new United States playing card stamp will be issued, so they will never become rare.

We see by a contemporary that the first philatelic magazine issued was *he Monthly Advertiser*, which was published in Liverpool in 1862.

It is reported that the low values of the current issue of Swiss stamps will undergo a change of design so as to be uniform with the higher values.

Mr. W. F. Gregory has just issued another number of *The Philatelic Visitor*, a small paper which he publishes in the interests of his business.

In the advertisement of Mr. A. F. Wicks, on the last page of the cover, the figure "$1" should be omitted in the second line of Packet No 20.

It is announced that a new set of stamps are in preparation for Mauritius, each of the different designs representing one of the products of the colony.

A gentleman in Omaha, Neb., recently had 10 U. S. 90c. Justice Department stolen from him. The market value of these stamps is now $25 each, so his loss is considerable.

The number in the bracket on the wrapper, indicates the number with which your subscription expires. Renew promptly, otherwise we cannot continue the paper.

The Native Indian States issue, or we should say have issued, over 1,600 varieties. We obtain this from a contemporary, as we never had the patience to count them.

Samuel A. Wood, of Hanley, England, announces that he will shortly publish *The Stamp Exchange Annual*, which is intended for free circulation, and will be sent gratis on application.

Mr. L. H. Benton says that the philatelic world are too hard on Henry Ades Fowler. He rendered philatelists a great service by purchasing *One Dime* and killing it, thereby putting its readers out of misery.

Mr E. T. Parker, the well-known dealer will have charge of the postage stamp department of the great fair, to be held in the Madison Square Garden, New York City, which will open on the 5th of December, next.

Mr. L. G. Quackenbush, one of our regular contributors, has assumed the editorial control of *The Philatelic Review of Reviews*, and we already notice a great improvement in the paper, which now stands high among its older contemporaries.

The International Stamp Exchange is a new society formed at a recent meeting of a number of Toronto collectors. Those contemplating joining can obtain full particulars from the secretary, Mr. I. E. Weldon, 147 Portland St., Toronto, Ont.

Our fourth volume begins with our January issue, and promptly on January 1st, our subscription rates will be advanced to fifty cents per year. Now is the time to subscribe, as no subscription will be received after the end of December, at the present rates.

It is said that there are 21 stamp collectors for every 1000 of population in Canada. We would not vouch for the correctness of this estimate, but if it were correct, there would be some 105,000 stamp collectors in Canada. We think that one-half that number would be nearer the correct number.

We would call the attention of our readers to our list of Cheap Sets in this issue. A number of additions will be made to the same, month by month. The prices will be found low, and to every collector, not already a subscriber, ordering $1.00 worth or more at one time, will receive as premium a years subscription to this journal.

As soon as we have overtaken Father Time, we shall resume our sixteen page form. We are glad to note the interest our readers are taking in the increase of our circulation. To any one who will secure us four subscribers and forward the subscriptions to us with $1.00, we will give a years subscription free. Induce four of your collecting friends to subscribe.

The Indian Philatelist says: "Somebody writes that China is going to commemorate the 60th birthday of the Queen Regent with a set of stamps. We are afraid China has enough on her hands just now without thinking of such amusements." It might be that China is going to raise the money to pay her war indemnity in this manner. Stamp collectors, who have a grievance against their Chinese laundryman, should boycott this issue, or join the Anti-Speculative Society.

The Universal Stamp Review is announced to appear from London, England, in January next. Messrs Smith and Partridge are the publishers, and they claim that it will excel any journal of the kind at present published. If the new stamp papers would carry out all their proposals how welcome they would be. Philatelic publishing is so uncertain that little dependence can be placed on a paper's merit till you have the copy before you. A publisher is so apt to have a better opinion of his publication than the readers.

We have recently made a study of the varieties of the current 3c envelope of Canada, and have found the following distinct varieties in the entire envelope which we have not as yet noticed in any catalogue:

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7. 3c. carmine on white, large size, *wove paper.*

The majority of the above varieties are very scarce, and of No. 7 we have only seen two copies. We have two sets of the above envelopes entire, and used, in fine condition, and will be pleased to furnish the price on application.

New societies will soon be as bad as new papers. *The Queen City Philatelic Society* was formed in Denver, Col., on the 15th of September, and is now ready for business. If you are dissatisfied with the society you are now a member of, or if you were disappointed in securing an office at the late election, the fashionable method to heal your wounded feelings is to start a society of your own, and elect yourself and your friends to the important offices, and then appeal to the philatelic world to join. We are not trying to mislead you, dear reader! This experiment has been tried more than once with success to the *promoter*, but it is this kind of success that is having such a detrimental effect on the good work that our older societies might do if they had proper support.

It would appear as though the United States Government are not making a success of printing their own stamps. Two hundred million were recently rejected as of inferior workmanship. The Government claim to save $50,000 per year by printing their own stamps. We think that it is false economy for the post office department to use such poor stamps as they are now selling, when for a slightly increased amount they could secure the superior workmanship of The American Bank Note Co. The gum on the new stamps is also very poor, and business men are complaining bitterly of this misplaced economy of the post office department. The work of the bureau of printing and engraving will possibly improve in time, but it is a shame for the public to suffer for the experiment.

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FRATERNAL TIES.

BY WALTER A. WITHROW.

THERE exists between the individual members of that class of unfortunate humans known as "faddists" or "hobbyists" or "cranks," a bond of sympathy as broad and strong as the rawhide belt of an elevator engine. So strong are the ties of the fraternity that anyone would naturally conclude that the members were linked together by steel belt-hooks, while in reality it is only flimsy bits of paper with colored ink upon one side and weak mucilage upon the other. But I am wandering, not in my mind, but from my subject.

If there be any mortal upon this earthly sphere deserving of pity it is the stamp collector. Be he a youngster yet under the paternal roof, his actions are frowned upon by his father, looked askance upon by his mother and regarded by his brothers and sisters as a convenient peg upon which to hang a joke or taunt.

Perhaps he is a man of family. His wife regards his delight over some "beauty" with wonder and concern—not unmixed with pity. Bitter is the moment when he attempts to initiate his son into the mysteries of Philatelia, only to discover that the young gentleman has previously been approached and corrupted. "Pa what *does* make you so foolish? Goin' into fits over old stamps! Ma says these filatelists is about half cracked."

His intimate acquaintances cross hurriedly to the opposite side of the street should they discover that there is prospect of an encounter. They go to avoid listening to his stampic tales. He dare not carry his hobby into the businass world for it would injure his reputation as a financier. In his "mind's eye" he could see two capitalists in conversation. One, referring to him, would speak of his ability only to be checked by the other, "Yes, I have always held Jay to be a sound fellow, but the other day I hadn't got within twenty feet of him when he began to tell about what a stroke of good luck he fell upon. Said something about a New Haven *postage stamp* worth *a thousand* and he bought it for ten cents. I'm afraid his mind is giving way with the strain. He will get no more of my contracts."

Gentle reader, did you ever know of a collector who could add to his collection stamp after stamp, year after year, keeping all the enjoyment, all the pleasure to himself? Oh no!

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Truly the local stamp society is a necessity.

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STUDYING STAMPS.

BY CAPTAIN MILDMAY.

I WAS going to tell you why I should like to be an animal, not any kind of an animal of course, but a beautiful animal, such as a monkey, an elephant a lion, or perhaps a bear, but now I think that I'll tell you about something else that will perhaps be more interesting

Last Friday evening a lecturer gave a lecture in our church on stamps. A lecturer is a man who talks about anything, and you can go to sleep while he's talking if you have a mind to, and you had better if he hasn't any real idols or stamps. I most generally go to sleep at a lecture, but this time I kept awake because the lecturer had some curious stamps, and then father said to "listen to what the gentleman had to say and improve your mind with stamps."

But now I believe that the lecturer came here on purpose to get me into trouble, or else why did he urge the boys to study stamps?

The way to study stamps, the lecturer said, was to get a stamp album, a stamp catalogue and lots of stamps. So the next evening I asked father to get me a stamp album and some stamps, as I wanted to collect them. He said he would, but it was mor'n a week before he did, but I didn't mind because he gave me mor'n three hundred stamps and a new album; from Sue I got a catalogue and lots of hinges.

I spent most of the rest of the afternoon in fixing the stamps in my album, and after I got through I began to wonder how I'd get any more. The lecturer said something about changing, and I thought that I would change some of my stamps with father. I had mor'n a hundred of the same kind and they would do to change with for quite a while.

In the evening I got father's album, and on looking through it I found lots of stamps that were just about the same. I couldn't make out what father wanted with five or six stamps of the same kind when I hadn't any. I cut out mor'n twenty stamps with a paper knife, and of course I stuck in mor'n twenty of my stamps, which were mostly from London, Europe, France, and other foreign countries.

The next day Mr. Ivens, who, as I may have told you already, is Sue's best young man, had to go to see Mr. Simpson about the band and he let me go with him. Mr. Simpson wanted to go and see another man who lived in the next street, and of course Mr. Ivens went with him.

As I had nothing to do I looked over Mr. Simpson's stamp album which was lying on his desk. His stamps were all very nice, but, like father's, there were lots of them that were just about the

same. I thought that this would be a splendid chance to change some stamps with Mr. Simpson, so I cut out about twenty-five and stuck in some of my stamps in their places. I thought that Mr. Simpson would be dreadfully pleased with what I had done, for I didn't see any stamps in his album like mine. Mr. Simpson's stamps are all British Colonial, and, as I have told you already, mine are from London, Europe and other foreign countries.

The next day I found three sheets of stamps on father's desk that some stamp dealer had sent him I had heard him say at the table when he opened the letter that he didn't want them, but I forgot to ask him for them ; anyway, as he didn't want them he would be sure to give them to me. So I took them and put them in my album.

It was about a week after this when father came home one evening dreadfully good natured. "Well, Jimmy, how are you getting along with your stamps? Come and let me see your album." I was dreadfully pleased to find father so good-natured and brought him my album. He looked over the first page and straightened some stamps that were crooked. "Eh! where did you get these?" he said, when he came to where the stamps were that I had changed with h m and Mr. Simpson. I told him that I had got them by changing and from the sheets that he didn't want. I never saw father so dreadful angry. He sent me upstairs and told me to wait for him but I don't want to talk about what happened up there. If you have ever been unfortunate enough to have been a boy yon'll know.

The next day father put the stamps on the sheets and sent them back to the dealer, and took Mr. Simpson the stamps that I had changed with him and apo'ogized for my conduct. Mr. Simpson, instead of being pleased, was dreadful angry and was going to have the police, but as father was such an old friend he said he would let the matter drop

And this is what comes to people who collect stamps. As I said before I am quite sure that the lecturer came here on purpose to get innocent people into trouble.

Of course you will agree with me that it was all the lecturer's fault. I couldn't get father to understand it though ; but it taught me a lesson, and the next time any one tells me to improve my mind with stamps I'll tell him he ought to be ashamed of himself.

THE GREATEST STAMP COLLECTOR.

A LITTLE of the private history of Mr Ferrari, whose collection of stamps is the finest in the world may prove interesting to our readers. We give the following extract from a recent article in a Boston daily :

"The reported death of Duke Gaetano di Ferrari, at Padua, Italy—is proved to be untrue—recalls to a New York Tribune writer, a career full of unusual incidents.

"Gaetano was the son of the late Duke of Galliera, a rich nobleman of Genoa, who increased an immense inheritance from a long line of famous ancestors by speculations, which were denounced as robbery.

"The son, a young man of fine appearance, a graduate of one of the best Italian universities, condemned unreservedly the means adopted by his father to increase the family fortune. So strong was his indignation that, upon attaining his majority, he left the magnificent home of his parents and the certainty of a brilliant career in the army or diplomatic world, and set out to make his fortune.

"He went to Paris and there became a tutor of mathematics, for which his training had prepared him, and lived modestly but honestly on a small income.

"The old duke was greatly affected by the desertion of his only son and heir, and endeavored in every way to bring about a reconciliation. In the hope of inducing his son to return he became one of the greatest benefactors that Genoa has ever known.

"No one in all the neighborhood appealed to him in vain for aid. People began to sound his praises and forget his former iniquities, But the son remained obdurate and the father went to his grave without seeing his face again.

"Young Gaetano declined to lay claim to the immense fortune to which he had fallen heir, and continued to follow his comparatively humble calling in the French capital.

"But a change at last came over him. Owing to his name he was admitted to the highest society of Paris, and the atmosphere of romance surrounding him, added to his accomplishments made him a hero of the salons which he visited. Young men who preferred to live in poverty to accepting one of the largest fortunes in Italy were rare indeed.

"But among the people he met was a Russian princess, rich, beautiful, and possessing all the attractions of the high-class Tartar. He fell in love with her, and, to please her, laid claim to the parental millions.

"He had renounced his name and title, however, and declined to bear either again, knowing that while hundreds blessed his dead father, thousands cursed him for the ruin which he had brought them.

"Through his fiancee the emperor of Russia learned of his sacrifice and created him Duke di Ferrari, a title equal in rank to that which he had given up.

"The marriage took place—but it proved to be unhappy. After three years the couple decided to live apart. The marriage had been childless.

"The duchess purchased the group of islands opposite Maderno, formerly known as Isola del Frati, christened it Isola Ferrari, and erected there a magnificent palace and gardens. There she passed all her time, devoting her money to relieving the poor and ministering to the sick. Once each year, but for only a few hours, the Duke pays her a visit.

"The Duke spends much of his time in Padua and Rome, caring little for Genoa, and uses his fortune in aiding his less fortunate fellows. He has one hobby—*The collection of postage stamps*—and his collection is said by many experts to be the finest in the world."

By the way, why can't Uncle Sam print his own postal cards as well as he can print his postage stamps ?

STRAY HUMOR.

A pretty coquette walking by the sea shore is like injudicious advertising—very dear. But she also bears a strong resemblance to judicious advertising—because she catches every eye.

FAIR WARNING—"Yes, madam, I remember very well you buying a stamp."

Madam—"Well, I put it on a very important letter, and it has never been received. I want you to understand that I shall buy my stamps elsewhere if this occurs again."

Mrs. Hayfork—Anything fer me?

Rural postmaster—I don't see nothin'.

Mrs. Hayfork—I was expectin' a letter er postal from Aunt Sally Spriggs, tellin' what day she was comin'.

Rural postmaster (calling his wife)—Did you see a postal from Mrs. Hayfork's Aunt Sally, tellin' what day she was comin'?

His wife—Yes; she's comin' Thursday.

Miss Alice—'I hear, Mr. Sinclair, that you intend to make the grand tour."

Sinclair—"Yes, Miss Alice."

Miss Alice—"And you promise to write me from every country you visit?"

Sinclair—"Promise? ah, you cannot know how I shall value the privilege. When I am far from friends will it not be a veritable heaven to think of you and address you? But will you really care to receive so many letters?"

Miss Alice—"The more the better; I am making a collection of foreign stamps."

She was in appearance a modest, refined looking lady, but when she confronted the stamp clerk at station J with the request for a P. D. Q. stamp that serious minded functionary was too astonished to reply.

"Will you let me have a P. D. Q. stamp,?" repeated the woman, who seemed to think the clerk was deaf, and therefore raised her voice so that it was heard all over the office. An inspiration seized him, and he tendered a special-delivery stamp.

That was what she wanted.

That effervescent sublimation of eccentricity, George Francis Train, has sent a characteristic note to *The Globe* office. The address on the envelope is an epistle itself, and is as follows:

"POSTMAN—Take this epistle with every haste to a two-legged specimen of the genus homo, commonly known as Col. Charles H Taylor, who has an office in *The Globe* building, Father of His Country street, with the compliments of the season, and tell him I'll see him again in 65 days, and beat Nellie Bly." G. F. T.

Yet, after all that screed, the New York post office was obliged to supply the address, "Boston, Mass."

One of the old clerks at the general delivery window tells the following story: Years ago a man called one day at the window and asked if there was a letter for Mike McGinnis.

The clerk handed him one from the old country with 24 cents due on it. Mr. McGinnis asked the clerk to read it for him, as he could not read himself. The polite clerk complied. When he had finished reading it Mr. McGinnis asked if that was all.

The clerk said, "Yes." "Then it's not worth 24 cents, and I'll not take it," said Mr. McGinnis, and turning on his heel, he walked away.

Some time after the same Mr McGinnis called and asked for a letter. The clerk recognized him, gave him the same letter he had read before, but took precaution to collect his 24 cents.

When a petition for a new post office in the mountains of Virginia was received some weeks ago, it was found that the name submitted was undesirable. The petitioners were so notified, and requested to submit a list of names in order of preference.

The new list contained no names acceptable, and the assistant postmaster-general directed an under official to select a name himself.

The clerk immediately walked to the map, and, locating the office, discovered that there was a mountain hard by named "Purgatory," and the new post office was named "Purgatory."

When the establishing papers were forwarded to the petitioners and they were requested to submit a name for postmaster, they returned the name of George Godbethere. So the new post office of Purgatory is presided over by George Godbethere.

The young postmaster of an Eastern village was hard at work in his office, when a gentle tap was heard upon the door, and in stepped a blushing maiden of sixteen, with a money order which she desired cashed, says the *Detroit Free Press*. She handed it, with a bashful smile, to the official, who, after closely examining it, gave her the money it called for. At the same time he asked her if she had read what was written on the margin of the order,—

"No, I have not," she replied, "for I cannnot make it out. Will you please read it for me?"

The young postmaster read as follows: "I send you $3 and a dozen of kisses."

Glancing at the bashful girl, he said: "Now, I have paid you the money, and I suppose you want the kisses."

"Yes," she said, "if he has sent me any kisses I want them, too."

It is hardly necessary to say that the balance of the order was promptly paid, and in a scientific manner.

On reaching home the delighted maiden remarked to her mother,—

"Mother, this post office system of ours is a great thing, developing more and more every year, and each new feature seems to be the best. Jimmy sent me a dozen kisses along with the money order, and the postmaster gave me twenty. It beats the special delivery system all hollow."

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's price list, consisting of 64 pages and cover, and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed, and together with postage, the total cost will be $1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

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EDITORIAL.

The Pipestone Philatelist, for December, comes to hand enlarged and improved.

The daily expenses of the U. S. Post Office Department are in excess of $231,000.

It is said that Sweden intends establishing a Stamp Museum, similar to the great German Postal Museum at Berlin

In the advertisement of Mr. A. F. Wicks, on the last page of the cover, the figure "$1" should be omitted in the second line of Packet No. 20.

The number in the bracket on the wrapper, indicates the number with which your subscription expires. Renew promptly, otherwise we cannot continue the paper.

Some of our U. S. readers may not be aware that stamped envelopes that have been spoiled in addressing are redeemable at any post office. They cannot be redeemed if cut square.

We have received *The Michigan Philatelist*, announced in these columns last month. The first issue presents a very creditable appearance, and consists of sixteen pages and cover.

Hawaii has issued a 12c. stamp of the new set. It is as attractive as the rest of the set. It has a view of an ocean steamship, going at full speed. If you wish to see it move, invest in the stamp.

Stanley Gibbons Ltd., recently purchased the famous collection of Mr. M. P. Castle, the President of the London Philatelic Society. It is said a U.S. collector is trying to get the collection as it stands. It will cost a small fortune.

Our fourth volume begins with our January issue, and promptly on January 1st, our subscription rates will be advanced to fifty cents per year. Now is the time to subscribe, as no subscription will be received after the end of December, at the present rates.

We would call the attention of our readers to our list of Cheap Sets in this issue. A number of additions will be made to the same, month by month. The prices will be found low, and to every collector, not already a subscriber, ordering $1.00 worth or more at one time, will receive as premium a years subscription to this journal.

As soon as we have overtaken Father Time, we shall resume our sixteen page form. We are glad to note the interest our readers are taking in the increase of our circulation. To any one who will secure us four subscribers and forward the sub scriptions to us with $1.00, we will give a years subscription free. Induce four of your collecting friends to subscribe.

The following is a list of the officers elected at special election of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, *President*, E. H. Wilkinson ; *Vice-President*, Miss Ada Whaley ; *Secretary-Treasurer*, L. T. Broadstone ; *Ex. Supt.*, E. L. Platy ; *Auc. Mgr.*, W. B. Hapson ; *Pur. Agt.*, Dr. J. S. McAllister ; *Counterfeit Detector*, Rev. A. B. Whitmer ; *Librarian*, F. F. Tomplin ; *Attorney*, O. A Abbott, jr. ; *Trustees*, G. Eddy, E. L. Platz, W Hopsom.

English collectors and dealers are petitioning the House of Commons for permission to illustrate English stamps. We would advise them to be satisfied with the freedom and liberty that they already have. Here in Canada it is worse than

that. Not only does the Canadian Government refuse to allow the illustration of Canadian stamps, but prohibits cuts of those of every other country, even German locals.

Messrs. Harper and Bros, the well-known publishers, will hold a reunion of the readers of *Harper's Young People*, the well-known juvenile paper, in New York City, on Dec. 7th, 8th and 10th. The young people will be given an opportunity of meeting their favorite authors, who will be present on the occasion. The reunion will also partake of the nature of a fair. A large number of these young people are stamp collectors, and the paper we have mentioned conducts a stamp department. This fair will include a stamp exhibit. Mr. F. W. Ayr, of Bangor, Me., will exhibit the 20c. St. Louis, which is said to be the rarest of all stamps; as only 4 specimens are known. Other well-known collectors will also exhibit their gems, and the value of the stamp exhibit will exceed $25,000. Stamps and albums will be sold at the fair. The proceeds, which we trust will be large, are to be devoted to charitable purposes.

A great deal of discussion is at present being published relative to the so-called speculative issues. We quote the following opinion of Mr. Richard Hollick, a prominent English philatelist, from *The Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser :*

"Although philatelists may look askance at certain issues, which can be classed as unnecessary, it is entirely their own faults if they spend their money on such productions. It would be as well if the facts be kept in view, that postage stamps are merely printed receipts for money paid to the post offices, and the postmark only the cancellation of the offer to render equivalent service for the face value of the stamp. The post offices should be sources of income to their respective governments, and if they become such, the general public are relieved of an amount of taxation equal to the profit The genuine student of philately will judge to which class stamps belong, making him keener after certain issues, and more careless of his attainment of others. This, of itself, will regulate the market, as price must follow the laws of supply and demand. Moreover, as soon as the producer finds the market unprofitable he will cease to cater for it. In the August number of *P. C. & A.* a list of 'unnecessary stamps' is given, which could be commented on. *French Colonies and surcharg s on same*–The various titles of these are printed on the stamps to facilitate keeping accounts. The surcharges are caused by philatelists, or their providers, buying up certain values to force provisional issues, the stock of stamps being always kept low in hot or damp countries. *Chinese Locals of every kind*—Those of Shanghai, at least, have a postal use. *Commemorative cards of exhibitions, etc.*–These have but little postal significance, but were available for postage. Specimens which have passed through the post are interesting. *Labuan and North Borneo*—These colonies, belonging to the postal union, should have no place in the list; although the *London Philatelist* proclaimed the issue of Labuan and Borneo stamps as being made for collectors. The last two mails bring my correspondence from Labuan franked with this issue, and my correspondent informs me that no other stamps are procurable at the post offices there, and as a proof that the high values are used I had a brick sent me by post, the necessary postage being paid with such stamps. *Hawaii Provisionals*—These represent an important epoch in the history of the islands. No unnecessary delay occurred in the production of a permanent set, and the post offices of Honolulu had no hand in the speculations of buying up certain values. *Seebeck's of any kind*—Undoubtedly a paying arrangement for the Hamilton Bank Note Co., yet genuine used specimens will be appreciated in the near future. *Niger Coast, 2nd and 3rd issues and surcharges*—The first issue on English stamps was a provisional one, made to carry on until the preparation of a permanent one. But in the meantime the title of the territory had been altered from Oil Rivers to Niger Coast Protectorate, so the new dies were altered accordingly, thus forming the second issue. The third issue consists of a set from an entirely new die. The three issues are entirely legitimate, but, as the climate is very damp, the stock of stamps is kept very small, and it is no unusual thing for a seaman to walk into a post office with an order which reduces a particular value to a dangerously low ebb, then the surcharge is produced. These surcharged stamps were not sold, but placed on the letter by officials. All are scarce, and some of a very high degree of rarity. *Company Stamps, such as British Central Africa* —The high values of British Central Africa are sold and used in Africa. They are available for fiscal as well as postal purposes, but are chiefly used as payment of post office accounts. *San Marino issues and surcharges*—Very few stamps would suffice for the republic outside Mr. Otto Bickel's correspondence. *Russian Locals*—These are used to prepay postage from outlying stations to the nearest point on the trunk postal routes. Probably the demand at some of these stations for old specimens, which have become scarce, has caused other villages to issue. *Commemorative issues*—The income derived from the United States Columbus issue will probably produce a full crop of these on the slightest provocation."

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Costa Rica, 13 varieties	18	*Nicaragua. Wrappers, 1892, 3 varieties	10
Cape of Good Hope, 5 varieties	05	Newfoundland, 5 varieties	10
Canada, 1859, 1, 5, 10 and 12½c	60	New South Wales, 5 varieties	05
Canada, 1868, ½, 1, 2, 3 and 6c, 5 varieties	30	*New Brunswick, 1, 2, 5 and 17c., 4 varieties	35
Canada, 1882-93, ½-20c., 8 varieties	20	*New Brunswick, 2 and 5c, 2 varieties	08
*Canada, Envelopes and Wrappers, 3 varieties, entire	12	New Zealand, 5 varieties	05
*Canada, Post Card, 1871-79, 4 varieties, complete	20	Norway, 7 varieties	04
Canada, Law F. F., green, 10c to $1.00, 7 varieties	40	Orange Free State, 3 varieties	04
Canada, Supreme Court, 6 varieties, complete	5 00	Persia, 4 varieties	10
Canada, Weight and Measure, 5 var., including $2.00	25	Peru, 5 varieties	05
*Cape Verde, 5 varieties	10	*Peru Envelopes, 2 to 50c., 7 varieties	75
Ceylon, 5 varieties	05	Philipine Islands, 4 varieties	05
Chili, 5 varieties	05	*Porto Rico, 1894, ½-8m, 6 varieties	08
*Chin Kiang, ½ to 10c., 7 varieties	50	Porto Rico, 10 varieties	10
Columbian Republic, 5 varieties	06	Portuguese Indies, 3 varieties	03
*Constantinople, 3 varieties	03	*Prince Edward Island, 8 varieties	75
*Cuba, 1894, ½-8m, 6 varieties	08	*Prince Edward Island, 1865, 2 and 3d	14
Cuba, 12 varieties	10	Quebec, Law, dark red, 10-60c, 6 varieties	25
Ecuador, 7 varieties	10	Quebec, Law, vermilion, 10-60c, 6 varieties	25
Egypt, 10 varieties	10	Quebec, Law, $1 00, $2 00, $3.00, $4 00 and $5.00, blue	1 00
Egypt, unpaid, 1889, 3 varieties	07	Roumania, 7 varieties	05
*Eritria, 3 varieties	05	Roumania, 25 varieties	25
*Faridkot, 28 varieties	1 00	Russia, 12 varieties	10
Finland, 5 varieties	05	*Samoa, 1st issue, 8 varieties R	10
France, 25 varieties	20	*Saxony, 1863, 5 varieties	10
Fr. Colonies, 25 varieties	25	Spain, 50 varieties	50
Germany, 15 varieties	05	Straits Settlements, 5 varieties	10
Gibraltar, 2 varieties	05	Sweden Losen, 10 varieties	15
Gold Coast, 4 varieties	12	Sweden, 10 varieties	05
Great Britain, 25 varieties	15	*Swiss, Telegraph, 4 varieties	10
Greece, 7 varieties	05	*Swiss, 1862-81, 2-40, 6 varieties	03
Grenada, 3 varieties	07	Tasmania, 3 varieties	05
*Guadeloupe, 1893, 1-5, 4 varieties	10	*Trinidad, 1851, unused, 4 varieties, complete	15 50
Guatemala, 5 varieties	10	Turkey, 10 varieties	10
Hawaii, 6 varieties	15	Uruguay, 2 varieties	03
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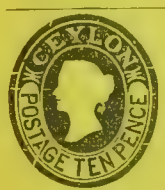

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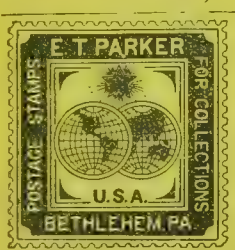

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The Schnectady, N.Y., post office once received a letter bearing this address: Mr. Rev. G. W. Drees, Servant of God, Learned Man of Scriptures, Preacher Over the Sheep. Bucks and Mother Lambs of the Congregation of the Lord."

HOPELESS.

"She will never be a stamp collector," said the chaperon, disconsolately, "never, I discovered yesterday that she hasn't the Columbian set."

"Well you can't expect her to have everything."

"No, I know that, but *she confessed it.*"

HE BOUGHT NO STAMPS.

Secretary—"There were forty applications for your autograph in this morning's mail, sir."

President—"Enclosed stamps?"

Secretary—"Yes sir."

President—"Well, put them in the safe, and write my autograph on post cards."

APPALLING TO THE DRUGGIST.

Enterprising Druggist—"Here's a card, Madam. Each time you buy something I'll punch it. When $2 are punched you get five soda-water tickets free."

Madam—"That's a fine idea. I'll take $2 worth o postage stamps now.

A stranger entered the Newtown, Kan., post office one day last week, and, buying a quantity of postage stamps, asked permission to stamp all letters that the office was holding for postage. His request was granted, and he departed saying that it was a charitable fad he had to go about the country supplying the neglect of thoughtless people.

A matter-of fact postmaster in a small town in Arkansas, recently wrote to the Post Office Department, stating that one of the citizens had recently entered the office armed with a Winchester rifle, and had pointed it at the postmaster in a threatening manner. He closed his telegram with the words: "Send instructions." Col. Whitfield, the first assistant, tersely replied by quoting the words of a well-known refrain; "Johnny, get your gun."

Some women have a mania for dropping things. No matter what they carry around with them they manage to drop it half a dozen times in the cars within as many blocks. They never seem to tire of smiling sweetly and thanking the luckless young man who picks it up.

One of these women was coming out of a drug store the other day. She had been making a heavy purchase—a postage stamp. She carried it with her pocketbook, and just as she stepped out of the store she dropped the stamp It was a damp day and the pavement showed it. A nicely dressed young fellow, with daintily gloved hands, was passing and saw the stamp flutter to the pavement. He stepped forward and stooped to pick up the tiny piece of paper.

Did you ever see a man try to pick up anything small and flat with his gloves on? I'ts one of the most amusing things in the world. This young man tried every way he could think of to get his finger tips under the stamp, but failed dismally. His stooping position began to get uncomfortable. The blood rushed to his face, but still he persisted. He could not think of disappointing the expectant girl.

Finally she murmured:

"Would a hair pin help you?"

He grasped it eagerly. It helped him out. With a bow he handed her the stamp.

"Thank you very much. Now I won't have to lick it," said she, joyfully.

She put it on a letter she had in her hand. Then she dropped the letter, but he had fled, and another victim took his place.

A story recently published in the *Independent* recalls to a prominent mining man an incident in the early days of Pony, which, by the way, is an old camp. At the time referred to the town had about forty people.

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However, a saloon-keeper, who was more public-spirited than his fellow-citizens, took the office. The office consisted of an old tea-box, in which all the mail was dumped. The citizen would sort over the lot and take what belonged to him.

One day a gentleman came along, and, after glancing at the system, turned to the postmaster. "Don't you know that it is illegal to allow people to pick out their own mail like that?"

"Well stranger, I don't know as it is any of your business how this office is run," replied the postmaster. "But I am a United States post office inspector." "Well in that case," said the postmaster, "we will finish up this post office in Pony right now."

And he took the tea box and placed it in the middle of the road, and, with a good run, came down and kicked it clear across the gulch.

"There," he said to the officer, "now you go back to Washington and tell the administration that the accounts are closed up, and the postmaster of Pony has resigned."

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

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BY WILLIAM B. HALE.

IN THE early eighties—eighteen eighties—when the counterfeits came thick and fast, as rain will fall, and would cling to one "like sea weed 'round a clam," a Philatelist found it necessary to keep his eyes open else he would have them palmed off on him, whether he would or no.

At this period, nearly every beginner had a lot of the S. Allen Taylor supply of counterfeit pence issues of the British Colonies, with a sprinkling of Hamburg locals and Confederates. Even the duplicates that the youngsters would offer for trade were of this class of trash. I remember that as a dealer, I was offered many collections, which were for sale, and nearly every one would contain counterfeits, and in purchasing these collections, my first thought would be to pick out those which I mounted in my album of counterfeits, which I use continually for reference and comparison.

Now there are several general rules for detecting counterfeits, which are easy to remember and are worth hundreds of dollars to any collector who does promiscuous trading, or buys up old collections.

The essentials of paper, color and perforation are important, and equally as much so as the engraving, for many counterfeits are heavily cancelled so that as a result the imperfections in the design are not readily apparent, and we have to fall back on the others to enable us to detect the fraud.

The counterfeits of Vancouver's Island and the early British Guiana's, should have the small perforation, but in most of the counterfeits they have large perforation and imperfectly done at that, and frequently half-torn, showing that the machine must have been dull. This same large perforation appears on all the Taylor and Paris counterfeits.

The paper in a genuine stamp is, as a rule, thin, tough and not glazed, but in the counterfeits the paper is usually so thick that you cannot help but notice it, and further it is usually well calendered, which is to say, smooth, with a glazed surface; yellowish tint may also be frequently noticed, and on its face, the paper has a cheap appearance, which is suggestive of something crooked.

The colors of counterfeits are often an indication by which they may be detected. Take red for instance; I never find a light red, vermilion scarlet or cochineal, the usual shade in the counterfeits being a dull brick red. The yellows and oranges appear to be a greenish yellow, the blacks, blue; while the greens appear thick and lumpy and do not give a clear impression. In the counterfeits I find the brown colors to be imitated the best of all.

In engraving, the lettering is nine times out of ten imperfect in the imitation, and I have observed that some of the letters will appear shorter than others, or wider, or perhaps imperfect. Even in the short words, "pence" and "cents" it is seldom that you will find that the counterfeiter has been successful in making all the letters perfectly. Very often the profile, the figure, or the border will look all right, but when compared with the original, they will be found sadly deficient, but as very few have genuine specimens of the rare stamps for purposes of comparison, and it is for such these few elementary rules are penned.

Look well, then, that the paper is not too thick or smooth, that the perforation is not too large or roughly made, that the color is not different in shade from that indicated in the catalogue, and finally, be sure that the engraving has not the defects referred to above.

I have been shown some remarkably clever counterfeits of the U. S. Columbian issue, which were made in Germany by photographic process. These stamps all have the word "facsimile" printed over the face, and they are sold as such.

The rules I have mentioned will not always answer, but as a rule they serve the purpose for which they are intended.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

HOW COLLECTORS BECOME DEALERS.

BY GEO. B. KLEBES.

PHILATELY creates a very business like taste among its followers, so much so, that we find the majority of Philatelists business men. It is peculiar and amusing to see how soon this power, as it may be called, is imparted from Philately to the youth or student. I have often made it my business to watch a collector fourteen years old, and see his business talent gradually developing, for it is not acquired in an electric style, but slowly and surely. Give the boy a book and a hundred stamps, and he will begin collecting as naturally as the chicken raised by means of the incubator, will pick up grains of corn a few minutes after it has been born. There is nothing forced or unnatural about it, he takes to it at once, without so much as waiting to be versed in the ins and outs. No duck takes to the water more naturally than does this schoolboy attach himself to a stamp album, 100 stamps, a trading book and a pot of gum arabic. Give him these and you will see a happy youth, perfectly content to let his arithmetic go, not troubling himself to read even those high literary productions, known as "Dime Novels," giving the history of the brilliant "Dick, the Indian Killer." or the "Terror of the Western Plains." He will go out to school and commence the business of trading. Presently he finds he has reached the high standard of being the owner of 100 different stamps. To a young stamp collector, this moment in his collecting career, corresponds to the moments when a young man reaches his majority. He gradually secures by exchanging the common stamps held by his schoolmates and he then begins to feel a sense of his power and importance, which is delightful to him. One day, showing his duplicates, or "snappers." as they are called in Boston, he finds another would-be Philatelist, craving a certain stamp, while he has none our potentate has already. Presently our boy is struck with a bright idea; he offers to sell it to his school-mate. This transaction having been accomplished, I may well say the turning point has been reached. He goes home with that five or ten cents, feeling that he has began life in earnest—he is making his own money. On the morrow he takes more of his duplicates, and begins selling them, still unconscious of his

future. He does not yet feel himself to be a dealer, but presently this idea strikes him, and buying a five cent packet, he sells them singly. With this he invests in a 25c. one, and repeats the performance a few times. Now with this capital, he buys a few dollars worth of stamps wholesale, and gives orders to have some paper print his advertisement. How beautiful it looks to him to see his name coupled with an imaginary "Co.". He has at last reached the sublime point—he is a stamp dealer. Now, I will ask how many boys are there who do this very thing? Thousands! Consequently we have thousands of dealers, each controlling a select trade. This is good, it teaches them much from a business point of view, but I am sorry to say, it affects the real trade in the same manner as if ten small stores, all doing the same business, should settle on one block, each would affect the trade of the other nine to a considerable degree; however, true as this may be, I, for one, advocate that the large dealers be generous, and sacrifice some little trade to the cause of Philately, for there is probably nothing so good for a young boy, as to get an inkling of business habits by means of Philately, and nothing that can lay claim to being a stronger point in the many advantages than Philately offers her followers, than this business taste young collectors acquire during the period of their infatuation with it.

AT A TURKISH POST-OFFICE WINDOW.

THEY do not rush things in Constantinople as they do in American cities. The Turks love ceremony, and have peculiar notions as to what constitutes politeness. We walk to the stamp window and ask for a stamp of the denomination we require. The clerk shoves it out, we put down the money and depart. The entire transaction has not occupied a minute, and hardly a dozen words spoken.

But in Istamboul a different scene would be enacted. Let us stand in the post office corridor a few minutes and watch the proceedings.

An elderly Turk, with a gorgeous turban, approaches the window. After a series of very low and obsequious salaams, he lays his right hand upon his heart and begins:

'May this gracious morn prove a most happy one for thee, sir.' The official returns the salutation, and adds: 'What commandest thou?'

'Would'st thou vouchsafe thy servant several stamps with which to send letters to America? As thou mayest know, my son, Abdullah Effendi, the glass merchant of Ak Seral, is abiding at this moment at Chicago, where he is visiting the Grand Bazaar, and his family are desirous of communicating with him. Though I myself know not how to write, yet is the son of my brother, the pipe-bowl manufacturer, skilled in that art, and he hath promised to oblige us in this matter.'

'Very well, O worthy sir; but how many stamps dost thou desire?

'Ah, my precious jewel, how many thinkest thou I should take? One will hardly suffice, as he does not intend to return until the bazaar is closed. Therefore, I pray thee, give me two.'

'Excellent, excellent! Here they are. May I request the sum of four piasters in payment?

'What sayest thou, my gentle lamb? Three piasters I always paid—never more. This was but a year ago, when Abdullah was at Paris: even at—'

'You are quite right, Effendi, but the prices have changed. They cost more to-day.'

'In very sooth, O apple of mine eye? Then the charge hath been increased? With this the Turk produces an intricately knotted purse and draws forth a bundle of paper money.

'Nay, nay, my adorable gem,' protests the official; we accept no paper, thou must pay in silver.'

'What, thou refusest paper! and wherefore? Is it not good money! Doth not the Sultan guarantee its payment? Well, since thou declinest it, I will pay thee in copper.'

'Nay, Effendi; we take no copper either; thou must give me silver.'

'Silver? By my beard, I have it not. I pray thee take this copper, and thou shalt have some additional.'

'I cannot do it, Effendi. By Allah, I cannot. It is forbidden.'

'Well, then, thou shalt have silver. Here it is, the latest mintage.'

'Accept my overflowing thanks, my exquisite turtle dove.'

'Allah be with thee and increase thy shadow mightily! Farewell!

'Farewell, Effendi; may thy beard grow to an exceeding great length.'

CLIPPINGS.

It is reported that somebody has discovered that pigeons have been used as mail-carriers for about seven hundred years.

The "spy" gallery, which runs across the sorting room of the New York postoffice, is to be taken down. It was not a success. The detectives never obtained enough evidence while using it to apprehend a single dishonest employe.

Mr. Greene Gage (of Plum Creek, stopping letter carrier)—Hev ye got any letters fer me?

Carrier—But I don't know you, sir!

Mr. Greene Gage—S'pose not; I only come to taown yesterday. But look through your bag; I ain't got time to go to the post-office to-day!

The Columbian stamps are really steel engravings, and form the third special issue of stamps in the country. The first of these was a 15-cent stamp representing the landing of Columbus, which was issued in 1869, and the second commemorated the 1876 centennial by a souvenir envelope, with a shield shaped 3-cent stamp in the corner, having at the top the figures 1776 and at the bottom 1876.

An extra large demand for postage stamps has been noticed by the post-office officials. This may be due partly to the fact that a Boston man is advertising: "I will engage a lawyer of good address and capacity, 25 to 40, as secretary; salary $100 per month. Address with references" et cetera

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EDITORIAL.

Dr. J. S. McAllister, of Columbus, Neb , is called by his collecting friends: "The man with the four million stamps."

Mr N. E. Carter, we hear, the well-known dealer of Delevan, Wis., will shortly go to San Francisco, Cal.

The philatelists of Whitby, Ont., have just organized a philatelic society, which we trust will have a long and prosperous existence.

We are contemplating some important changes in the publication of this journal, of which due notice will be given in our next issue.

L' Union Postale, published in Paris, by Victor Robert, has reached its 31st number. It is one of the best philatelic papers published in France.

The Niger Coast Protectorate has been attracting considerable attention by the number of varieties, (apparently speculative) that it is issuing.

Mr. James A. Anderzen, of Smithfield, Neb , Manager of the Nebraska Stamp Co., will shortly remove to one of the Southern States.

It is said that Mr. Stanley Gibbons, the founder of the largest firm of stamp dealers in England, will shortly visit the U. S.

The Colonial Government recently broke a corner in St. Helena stamps, by issuing a large quantity of the cornered variety.

Mr. Gilbert Harrison, the renowned English advance collector, died last month. His collection of U. S stamps was one of the finest in the world.

In the advertisement of Mr. A. F. Wicks, on the last page of the cover, the figure "$1" should be omitted in the second line of Packet No 20.

Zambesi is another new Portuguese Colony which has just come to the front with a set of 13 stamps of the current colonial type. More will follow.

The forged 25 piastre stamps of Turkey, are perforated 10, while the genuine are perforated 13½. This will serve to detect an otherwise dangerous counterfeit.

What next! *The Stamp News* reports that 6,390,483, obsolete Peruvian stamps, embracing 46 varieties, have been surcharged with the portrait of the President.

We have received the second number of *The Indian Postage Stamp News*, a new paper which hails from Bombay, India. The paper presents a creditable appearance.

The number in the bracket on the wrapper, indicates the number with which your subscription expires. Renew promptly, otherwise we cannot continue the paper.

Hankow has issued new 2c. and 30c. stamps, which are of attractive design, although, philatelically, Chinese locals are not what would be termed especially desirable or attractive.

Philately in India is making rapid progress. There are now three philatelic papers published in

the country. Auction sales of stamps are held there, and dealers are springing up all over the country.

It is said that Mr. Chas. L. Borg, a popular Chicago collector has no hands having lost them in a railroad accident. In placing his stamps in his album, he uses a carpenter's chisel, manipulating it with his teeth !

Mr. E. J. Hatch, of Centre Montville, Me., warns collectors and dealers against Graham Frank, of New York City, to whom he sent approval sheets on June 7th, 1894, and from whom he can obtain no reply.

After the covers of this issue were printed, we received a letter from the Michigan Stamp Co., stating that their stock and trade had been sold to Messrs W. J. Lawrence & Co. of the same city. When answering this advertisement, please note the new firm name.

Mr. E. B. Jones, of Ruthven, Iowa, is preparing a comprehensive check-list for collectors of philatelic literature, which promises to be of great value to those engaged in forming a library. The price of the book is, we believe, 30 cents. The low price should place it within the reach of all.

Beginning with our next issue all subscriptions must begin with the first number of the year, as we wish to have all subscriptions expire with the end of the year. Those whose subscriptions expire during the middle of the year may forward, *pro rata*, a sufficient amount to continue till the end of the year.

We have to thank Mr. Wm. C. Stone for informing us that the article in our August number, by Capt. Mildmay, entitled "Our Philatelic Society's Meeting," is taken almost verbatim from W. L. Alden's "Adventures of Jimmey Brown." The article in question we purchased from Mr. Kenneth Dunbar, under the impression that it was original. The story had been adapted so as to be suitable for a philatelic paper, by changing a few words. We fear that other similar articles by Mr. Dunbar were adapted in a similar manner. We regret very much that these articles should have appeared, and on this account we owe an apology to our readers.

We wish to rectify a matter that appeared in the columns of our August issue. On the strength of a letter from Mr. J. A. Caron, Rimouski, Que., we published Mr. Maurice Belin, 52 Rue de la Madeline, Brussels, Belgium, as a fraud. We have received a letter from Mr. Belin, stating that he had never received any communication whatever from Mr. Caron. We have written Mr. Caron for an explanation but up to date of publication, have not hea d from him. On enquiry, we find that Mr. Belin occupies a prominent position in Belgian Philatelic circles, and we regret that the item in question was inserted and we take this opportunity of undoing any injury the note may have caused him.

We have at last been compelled to abandon the publication of our handbooks Nos. 5 and 6, after having made every possible effort to publish the books. After the Canadian P. O. Department refused to allow us to publish the books in Canada, we made arrangements to have the same published and mailed from England, but we have recently had it brought to our notice, that even though we had the books published in England, we would not be allowed to sell and mail the same, either here or in the United States. Consequently on this ruling our loss is nearly $1,000. All subscriptions will be refunded in order of receipt, by registered mail. We are very sorry to have to disappoint our patrons in this, but assure them that we have done all in our power in the matter. The cuts and text of the book were long since completed. We have had considerable difficulty with the Canadian P. O. Department during the last year, in regard to the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, handbooks 5 and 6, and this journal. We have been forbidden to use illustrations of any stamps whatever in our publications in future. During the past month the dealers in the United States have had some trouble in regard to the same matter. All the albums, etc., of the leading dealers and publishers, with illustrations of stamps in them were seized by agents of the Secret Service Department. The matter was submitted to the Solicitor General of the Treasury, who rendered a decision favorable to dealers, however, advising the seizure of all cuts and plates, from which the books were printed; permission being given to sell the stock of catalogues and albums remaining on hand. Both the Scott and Mekeel Co. refused to allow the seizure of their cuts, as in the opinion of the U. S. prosecuting attorney for St. Louis, there was no law by which they could seize plates of stamps, unless evidence was forthcoming that they had been used for counterfeiting purposes. We understand that this opinion has been forwarded to the Attorney General at Washington, and it is believed that he will agree with the decision rendered by the District Attorney.

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Faridkot, 18 varieties	1 00	Russia, 12 varieties	10
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*Hawaii, Prov. Govt., 2c. violet, red surg	06
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QUERY.

Was it on a Kansas prairie,
In the days of '49,
Near a smashed up prairie-schooner,
That I saw that fearful sign?
Was it that which down in Texas,
Broke off short our driver's "cuss,"
With the Llano Estacado
Twenty miles to South of us?
Was it high up in the Rockies
That it told its tale of woe,
Blinding blast and then starvation,
'Neath a monstrous drift of snow?
Was it in Nevada's desert
That I saw it, stark and white,
With an arrow through one eye-hole
And no other thing in sight?
Was it with the vultures near it?
Did coyotes sneak away?
Ah! I know now where I saw it,
It is all as plain as day:—
That grim cow's skull, white and death-like,
That I have been looking for,—
On the stamps of old Roumania,
On my album's page, I saw.

CHAS. E. JENNEY.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

WHY THIS MANIA?

CAN anyone advance a reason for the collecting of postage stamps? A *real* reason; not a superficial theory. It will generally serve to rehearse the advantages of collecting as an aid to the study of history and geography; that the pursuit fosters the study of art, color and design; that in the making of a collection, neatness and the habit of close observation are formed. These, and many other ideas never before thought of, are brought forth to prove that stamp collecting is the most profitable amusement on earth. But do *you* collect these interesting bits of paper for instruction or amusement alone? I am sure you do not, and although I will not undertake to solve the problem unaided, I can at least present some ideas for consideration.

Perhaps in the first stage of your collecting career you are attracted toward those stamps whose brilliant colors or unique designs appeal to your artistic eye. Perhaps, while looking over a friend's collection, you are seized with a desire to emulate him, either by securing a greater number of varieties or possessing a larger lot of Seebecks. You like to see the pages of your album slowly filling. After a few months this rivalry becomes monotonous, and you find that there is pleasure in filling up certain pages of your album, learning about the various stamp issuing countries, etc.

As an advanced collector, you delight in examining slight varieties, errors and such matters. You collect what pleases you, and let all other stamps alone. Perhaps each country is represented by one stamp only, and yet you delight in your collection as much as if it were ten times as large. Can you give the reason of this?

You glance through a catalogue, and pick out, one by one, the stamps you expect to secure. Then a number of want lists are sent off to various dealers. The stamps come, and with what delight do you examine the specimens with a view to purchase! How pleased you are to receive the much desired specimens in an immaculate, unused condition! And what a pleasant task to mount them in the spaces assigned.

I revere the memory of William Shakespeare, who, with his usual foresight, truly said, "There is method in this madness."

WALTER A. WITHROW.

Written for the CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

GENERAL CANADIAN NEWS.

The new 1c. and 2c. letter cards are having a very small sale, and may be withdrawn.

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At the recent election of officers of *The Toronto Philatelic Club*, Mr. W. H. Brouse, the well-known B. N. A. specialist, was elected president.

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Mr. W. S. Wetherston, the Canadian Vice-President of the P. S. of A. has resigned, as he intends to remove from Toronto to New York City.

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The *Ontario Philatelist* has just appeared from St. Catharines, Ont. Although typographically poor, its contents are readable, and I wish the publishers every success in their venture.

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The first auction sale of the Montreal Stamp Club takes place Thursday, April 23, at 8 p. m. Mr. E. W Stanton, of 398 St. Andre St., Montreal, Que., will, I understand, furnish a catalogue of the sale on application.

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The auction sale of Mr. T. S. Clark, held in Toronto, on March the 18th, was well attended, but, as a rule, prices realized were only fair, and a number of the best stamps were not sold, being bid in by their owner.

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There appears to be a large number of the red weight and measure stamps on the market at present. Within the last few months the price of this stamp has dropped from $10 to $2 for unused copies; used are seldom met with.

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In handling some ½c. current Canadian stamps, I secured two unused strips of four, bearing imprint of British American Bank Note Co., and plate numbers 1 and 2. These are the first Canadian stamps that I have noticed with plate number. I will keep a careful lookout for others.

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I have seen the current Canadian post card on thick, spongy card-board, instead of the hard glazed card in general use. It looks as if only a few of these were issued, as my post office only received one lot of the cards on the thick spongy card-board, the lots subsequently received being printed on the hard glazed card-board.

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To the best of my knowledge, there are only three philatelic papers being published in Canada: *The Canadian Philatelist*, *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, and *The Ontario Philatelist*. However, three new papers have recently been announced. From London we may expect *The London Stamp and Coin Journal*, a quarterly, to be published by the London Stamp Co., and "*Stamp Lore*," a monthly, which will be issued by the Commercial Printing Co. From the prospectus of this last named paper I am led to look for something out of the ordinary. The promoters of the paper state that it will be printed in three colors. If both these papers materialize, London will enjoy the unique distinction of having three philatelic journals. *The All-around Stamp Advertiser* is announced to appear from St. Hyacinthe, Que., and will consist of advertisements only. There are several philatelic journals of this class published in Europe, but none in America.

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The Editor's Table.

IN 1894 the Canadian P.O. Department saw fit to cancel the second-class mailing privileges enjoyed by *The Canadian Philatelist*. This circumstance, and the lack of time to devote to the publication, made it necessary for me to discontinue the paper. All subscriptions have been satisfactorily filled by *The Collector* and its successor, *The International Stamp*. Notwithstanding the fact that the paper has not been published for a year back, I still receive subscriptions to it. Many of my old subscribers have expressed the wish that I should resurrect the journal, and I have decided to permanently re-establish *The Canadian Philatelist*, and hope to receive the support of the subscribers and advertisers who in the past have so liberally patronized the paper. Previously, the usual size of the paper has been 16 pages and cover; but, unless I am successful in again securing second-class rates, I cannot promise more than 4 to 8 pages per issue. I will endeavor to exclude any of the contributions which many editors use as "space-fillers," and will thus be able to publish nothing but first-class reading. Among the regular monthly features will be half-tone portraits and sketches of prominent collectors and dealers, "General Canadian News," "General European News," "From over the Border" and "Correspondence." Various useful and timely articles by the best writers will appear from time to time. Date of publication is the 10th, and to secure insertion all matter must reach me by the 5th.

Again in the Field.

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DURING the past three years the holding of auction sales of stamps has increased to a great degree, and I have no doubt that to a certain extent it has affected the trade of dealers in rare stamps; but, everything considered, I do not think it has had any serious effect on the trade. The auction business has been the means, in a large number of cases, of establishing correct prices on stamps which were underpriced in the catalogue, and which very few dealers could supply. I do not wish to be understood as saying that all auction prices are correct; but, as a rule, if you take the average price which a stamp has brought at various sales, you will not be far off its correct value. The large numbers of auctions now being held, and the prices realized, indicate the increasing demand for rare stamps, and the general progress and prosperity of our science. Among the April auctions I may mention Geo. E. Cleaver's mail auction of philatelic literature, which closed on the 3rd. F. J. Stanton's 82nd mail auction will close on the 15th. Mr. Henry Gremmel held a sale on the 2nd, and good prices were realized. C. H. Holden's 17th mail sale closed on the 4th. The 140th sale of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co is to take place on the 15th. Its contents include a fine lot of Spanish stamps. The New England Stamp Co. hold a sale on the 13th. The 62nd Bogert and Durbin sale takes place on the 11th. The Chicago Philatelic Society hold their 36th sale on the evening of the 14th. The 4th mail sale of the U. S. Stamp Co. (Minneapolis) was closed on the 3rd, at noon. The 5th sale of the same firm will close on the 25th. S. H. and H. Chapman, the well-known coin dealers, will sell at auction on the 14th and 15th the stock of the late John W. Kline, one of America's veteran dealers. Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, literary and fine art auctioneers, of London, England, hold an important sale on the 20th and 21st. A number of others I am compelled to omit for want of space.

April Auctions.

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SPECIALISM and scientific collecting are all very well in their way, but they certainly have caused many a beginner to throw up stamp collecting. Personally, I am a specialist, and favor scientific collecting; but this has not blinded me to the true state of affairs. Scientific collecting has led to the discovery and recognition by our so-called standard catalogues of innumerable minor varieties, some of which are too insignificant to be accorded a place in even a specialist's collection. Perforations of all sizes, paper of all textures, the slightest errors in engraving and printing, have been duly catalogued, together with watermarked varieties, both regular and inverted; and, as a result, many a collector has become discouraged. I know many who have given up collecting for this very reason. It must be remembered that fully fifty per cent. of the vast army of stamp collectors take no interest in varieties of perforation, watermark, etc.; and when these have spaces provided for them in the albums, and are listed in the catalogues, it is anything but encouraging to the ordinary collector, who considers a country complete exclusive of these minor varieties. Of course, from the ranks of the beginners come the scientific collectors of the future, but the transition from one stage of the collecting career to the other must be gradual. A forced growth from a beginner to a scientific collector, such as the present albums and catalogues encourage, is not without the danger of the loss of some of Philately's most ardent followers. What is required to remedy this state of affairs? To my mind there can be but one way to dispose of the difficulty. What we require is two distinct editions of our Standard Catalogues—one for the beginners, another for the scientific collector,—the former to omit all minor varieties. Mr. J. W. Scott, of the J. W. Scott Co., Limited, recognizing the need and value of such a book, has recently pre-

Philately's Danger.

pared an edition of his catalogue which omits all distinction of paper, watermark, perforation, etc., which he is supplying to the trade at a very low rate, enabling them to retail it at a nominal figure—25 cents. This is a step in the right direction. A catalogue of this description, and at this price, will have a large sale, and fill a long-felt want. However, the catalogue of the J. W. Scott Co. is not recognized as the Standard, the prices in many cases being far from correct; consequently, it is improbable that the catalogue will ever be adopted for general use. Now, were the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. to issue two distinct editions of their popular, though far from perfect, catalogue, as Mr. J. W. Scott has done, publishing albums on the same lines, the difficulty would be to a great extent solved; and I have no doubt that both catalogues and albums would have a largely increased sale, and cause a revival among many whose interest in stamp collecting has flagged. If this were carried into effect, the scientific collector would have a catalogue dealing with all varieties, which he studies so carefully, while the ordinary collectors would have an edition free from the varieties in which they take no interest. Philately's advancement during the past few years has been phenomenal. I trust that for the sake of the future of our science, the day will not be far distant when we will be able to obtain two such editions of the S. S. and C. C.'s catalogue, or some other equally as good.

From our Special Correspondent.

FROM OVER THE BORDER.

Seebeck is making hay while the sun shines. The 1896 issues for Salvador and Nicaragua are out.

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Mr. Theodore Toppell, a well-known New York dealer, formerly with the Bogert and Durbin Co., died a few days ago.

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In purchasing the U. S. 1861 10c. variety, caution should be exercised, as there is a very good counterfeit of this stamp being circulated.

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State Philatelic Directories are the order of the day. Mr. E. W. Hensinger, of San Antonio, announces the publication of *The Texas Philatelic Directory.*

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The Eastern Philatelist recently published an able article on the ribbed paper varieties of the United States, which stamps are at present receiving considerable attention from our leading specialists.

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A bill has been introduced in Congress which provides that any city of over 100,000 population may issue a special set of stamps commemorating events in its history. If the bill passes, it may have the effect of adding thousands of new collectors to our ranks.

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The government of the Republic of Cuba, whose headquarters are at present in New York City, has issued a set of stamps. Although these stamps will not at present do postal duty, they are having a good sale. Apparently there are many sympathizers with the Cuban cause among the vast army of stamp collectors.

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The now fast approaching annual elections of the A. P. A., S. of P. and P. S. of A., are already becoming a subject of discussion. Messrs. O. K. Carstarphen, of Denver, Roy F. Green, and R. W. Ashscroft, are among the candidates for the presidency of the latter society; while for the same office in the former the names of Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, of Chicago, and Dr. S. G. Stein, of Muscatine, are suggested.

HENRY F. DOYLE.

From our Special Correspondent.

GENERAL CONTINENTAL NEWS.

An important philatelic exhibition will be held July 17th to 22nd in The Hague, Holland. I expect to be able to give particulars in my next letter.

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According to *The South African Philatelist*, the Natal 1d. rose, surcharged "Zululand" is spurious. It was never issued for use in that country.

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The accepted design for the new French stamp is receiving considerable adverse comment here. We certainly would be justified in expecting something better from a country that stands so high in the world of art.

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At the meeting of the City of London Philatelic Club, held on the evening of the 23rd ult., a tintometer was exhibited, a contrivance which is valuable for determining the colors of stamps. There was a large attendance at this meeting.

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A correspondent informs me that on June 5th the government of Ecuador will issue a series of seven stamps, which will only be available for postage on that and the following ten days. The issue is intended to commemorate the victory of the people over the government that humiliated the country by the sale of the cruiser Esmeralda.

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I notice in *The Australian Stamp Collector* that the Central Exploration Co. recently sold to the Black Flag Mining Co. leases of some sixty-six acres of land for a consideration of £525,000. The duty on the transfer amounted to £2,625, and in order to provide a stamp for this amount the government of Western Australia surcharged a 1d. revenue stamp, "£2625." This stamp is unique, and it may well be called an unobtainable rarity.

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The Philatelic Society, of Geneva, Switzerland, have just announced that they will hold an International Exhibition of Postage Stamps in the Museum of Decorative Arts, one of the finest public buildings of that beautiful little Swiss city, Geneva. The exhibition will be held August 8 to 23, inclusive, and it will undoubtedly be a success. The well-known collectors on the committee of arrangements justify this supposition. This society is one of the best of our continental societies, and among its members are such prominent philatelists as Messrs. M. P. Castle, of Brighton; Dr. E. Diena, of Modena; J. Bernichon, of Paris; C. Muriset-Gicot, of Geneva; J Joerin-Suter, of Basle, and many others.

A. J. RINNERS

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British Columbia, 1868, 2c., brown	1 50
*British East Africa, ½ a. to 1 r., 10 varieties	1 50
*British East Africa, ½ a. to 5 r., 15 var., complete.	8 00
*British South Africa, ½d. to 1 sh., 8 varieties	1 45
*British Honduras, 1891-95, 1 to 24c., 8 varieties	1 60
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Canada, 1852, 3d., wove paper, fine	35
Canada, 1852, 3d., wove paper, fair	25
Canada, 1858, 3d., ribbed paper,	2 00
Canada, 1858, 3d., perforated	2 75
Canada, 1859, 1c., pink	07
Canada, 1859, 5c , vermilion	03
Canada, 1859, 10c., violet	40
Canada, 1859, 12½c., green	40
Canada, 1859, 17c., blue	1 35
Canada, 1864, 2c., pink	95
*Canada, 1868, ½c., black, no gum	16
Canada, 1868, ½c., black	14
Canada, 1868, 1c., red-brown	15
*Canada, 1868, 2c., green	45
Canada, 1868, 2c., green	08
Canada, 1868, 3c., red	03
Canada, 1868, 6c., brown	08
Canada, 1868, 3c., watermarked	1 30
Canada, 1869, 1c., yellow, large	24
Canada, 1870, 3c., laid paper, very fine	4 00
Canada, 1870, 3c., laid paper, not well centered	2 20
Canada, 1872, 6c., brown	03
*Canada, 1875, 5c., olive green	1 65
Canada, 1875, 5c., olive green	50
Canada, 1891, 6c., rich chocolate	02
*Canada, 1892, 20c., vermilion	25
*Canada, 1892, 50c., dark blue	65
Canada, 1892, 50c., dark blue	30
Canada, 1892, 8c., slate, very fine	02
*Canada, Register, 2c., orange	20
Canada, Register, 2c., orange, fine	03
Canada Register, 2c., carmine, fine	15
Canada, Register, 5c., yellow-green	05
Canada, Register, 5c., blue-green	03
*Canada, Envelope, current, 3c., laid paper, entire.	06
Canada, Envelope, 1891, 3c., *wove* paper, entire	3 00
Canada, Envelope, 1891, 3c., *wove* paper, sq. cut	1 50
*Canada, Post Card, 1877, 2c., green	09
*Canada, Post Card, 1879, 2c., green	05
*Canada, 1892, Reply Card, 1 x 1c., slate	04
*Canada, Bill Stamps, 1st issue, $2 & $3, o.g., the pair	4 00
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GENERAL CANADIAN NEWS.

The current Canadian 1c. Envelope exists in three distinct shades, dark, medium and pale blue.

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I was recently shown a fine block of 11 Canada ½d. pink. I believe they are unique in this condition.

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An unused Nova Scotia, 6d. dark green, sold for $17.50 at Drew's sale, held on the 30th of April, while a used New Brunswick 6d. brought $20.50.

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Mr. W. H. Allison, C. P. R. train despatcher, one of London's leading collectors, will move to Toronto on June 15th. London's loss will be Toronto's gain.

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Younger collectors are on the increase in Canada, although from reports it seems there has been a falling off in the U. S. Canadian dealers report that business in the cheaper class of stamps is better than it has been for some time past.

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A new set of Canadian Revenues has been recently issued for Electric Light Inspection. They are similar to the Weight and Measure and Gas stamps, are red in color, and have the registered number printed in blue across the centre. The following values compose the set: 25 and 50 cents, $1, $2, $3, $5 and $10.

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Some collectors do not seem to be aware of the fact that the Canadian bill stamps have been obsolete for a long time. When in use, commercial paper was required to have these stamps affixed, and the following rates were charged: $25 or less, 1c.; $50 and over, 2c.; $100 and over, 3c.; each additional $100 or fraction of $100, 3c.

* *

There has been considerable talk from time to time of organizing a provincial philatelic association in Ontario. The plan is certainly a good one, and if some well-known and energetic collector would place himself at the head of the movement, there should be no difficulty in forming a good society, as Ontario is the garden of the Dominion, from a philatelist's as well as an agriculturist's point of view.

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The publication of *The London Stamp and Coin Journal*, to which I referred last month, has been postponed until the fall. *Stamp Lore*, I expect, will appear this month, and will be one of the best of Canadian philatelic journals. The first issue of *The All-Around Stamp Advertiser* appeared from St. Hyacinthe, Que., as I announced last month. The publishers claim for their first issue a circulation of 15,000. Personally, I received several sample copies of this issue, and if all the copies were placed in this way, the value of the 15,000 circulation would be materially decreased.

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I am pleased to note that the Canadian Government is adopting some of the new cancelling machines, which have been in use for some time in the United States. They are certainly a great improvement on the old hand stamps, which, in the majorty of cases, were practically valueless, in that it was almost impossible to decipher the cancellation. At the time of writing I have seen three different types, Union Jacks, etc., somewhat similar to the U. S. cancellations. It is probable that these machines will soon be adopted in all the large cities throughout the Dominion.

W. CULLEN BROWN.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

GENERAL CONTINENTAL NEWS.

A 50 öre Norway of the new type has just appeared.

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The Societe Philatelique Francaise has recently been amalgamated with *The Societe Francaise de Timbrologie.*

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At the recent election of the *Salisbury Philatelic Society*, Hon. Judge Philbrick, Q.C., was elected President.

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Bright's A B C Catalogue, which has been advertised so extensively, is having a large sale. Its low price and neat appearance has made it a favorite, and it will doubtless prove a keen competitor to some of the older catalogues.

* *

The London Philatelist is always to the front with valuable articles, and Mr. J. Tilleard's paper, "Notes on the De La Rue Series of the Stamps of India," which has just appeared in this journal, is an exceedingly valuable and painstaking treatise on these interesting stamps.

* *

Messrs. Chevely & Co. will hold three auctions during May; their 88th sale takes place on April 30th and May 1st; 89th sale on the 12th and 13th; 90th sale on the 26th and 27th. Some very choice varieties are offered in these sales. This firm have given up their stamp dealing, and in future will devote their attention exclusively to their auction sales.

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I take the liberty of quoting the following from *The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*:—It is stated that the designs of the new Japanese stamps which are to commemorate the late war with China have now been approved by the Mikado. One will bear the portrait of the late Marshal, Prince Arisuguwa Sambito, "chief of the staff of the army of the Japanese empire," and the other a likeness of the late Lieut.-General, Prince Kitashirakawa, commander of the Imperial Guards engaged in the subjugation of Formosa.

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"The New Collector" is still being boomed here. Messrs. Brown and Whitfield King appear to be at the head of the movement, and while many favor the collecting of only issues subsequent to 1890, it is still difficult to say just to what extent the collecting of new issues will go, but it certainly is undeniable that the older and rarer issues are running up in price so rapidly as to place them beyond the reach of the majority of collectors, and this is causing many collectors to devote their attention to the more recent issues which can be obtained at merely nominal rates.

A. J. RINNERS.

CLIPPINGS.

A dainty fad for philatelists is the wearing of their favorite specimens mounted in cuff buttons. The small ½c. black of Canada, mounted in gold cuff buttons, has the appearance of onyx, and the effect is very striking.—*Daily Stamp Item.*

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The cancellation which one frequently meets with on the Belgian stamps, consisting of a long narrow band, with diamond-shaped figures, is that used in the postal savings banks. Such stamps have never been used for postage, and are about on a par with the punched Spanish stamps, which, however, are used to denote use in telegraphing.—*Boston Stamp Book.*

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The Editor's Table.

OUR ranks are being daily increased by numbers of new collectors, but notwithstanding this our up-to-date dealers are constantly devising new methods for interesting those who have never collected stamps. Such enterprise cannot be too highly commended, and I would that more of our dealers would do a little missionary work, which not only benefits the dealer himself, but also aids the progress of our science. I think I cannot do better than mention three or four of the methods which have served to interest many who were formerly non-collectors. A certain New York dealer has been advertising in the daily papers to give stamps away to anyone who will call for them, and to those who apply he gives a cheap packet of continental stamps which, while costing the dealer but little, serve to form the foundation of many a collection. This method is a good one, and from point of cost it is one which could be advantageously adopted by almost all our dealers. Personally, I have an advertisement which I am using in the general press, offering a small collection to any non-collector for a 3-cent stamp to cover postage. If such an advertisement is carefully prepared and made to look attractive, a large number of replies will usually result, and when a price list is enclosed with the stamps it will serve to bring the dealer further orders. Not a few collectors and dealers keep a supply of cheap continentals, which they give away as the opportunity occurs. A San Francisco dealer is planning to give away several millions of cheap stamps, and should he do so he will likely interest a large number who hitherto have never collected stamps. I must not pass over the enterprise of some of the leading dealers who are advertising albums and lots of cheap stamps at prices far below actual cost. The majority of collectors collect as a pastime and not a study, and offers such as the above all serve to make attractive the pursuit which is interesting so many, the world over. Let every dealer and collector, so far as lies in his power, endeavor to interest his friends, and thus aid the great forward movement of Philately!

Recruits Wanted.

THE 1896 general issue for Nicaragua has a map for the design, which is quite a marked change from the preceding issues; a set of seven postage due stamps have also appeared.—It is said that Argentine will shortly issue a new 80c. stamp.—The stamps of the Republic of Cuba, mentioned in these columns last month, are reported as now being used in some parts of the island.—A set of seven postage due stamps have appeared from Abyssinia.—The Government of New Zealand have recently made the awards offered for a set of twenty-two designs for stamps illustrating the scenery of the country; consequently we may expect an attractive set from this colony at an early date.—I understand that the 5, 10 and 25 b. Roumania have been surcharged, respectively, 10 and 20 paras and 1 piastre, for use in the Levant.—A new 1d. rose Transvaal has appeared, same type as the current set, with the value printed in green.—Notwithstanding the fact that they have been denounced by the S.S.S.S., the new Greek commemorative stamps are having a good sale. They are being offered by many of the leading dealers.—Fernando Po has issued a 2c. carmine, with head of Baby King.—A set of five French postage due stamps have been surcharged for use in Morocco.

New Issues.

The Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps.

CIRCULAR NO. 5.

391 STRAND, LONDON, ENG., April, 1896.

The Society, in conjunction with the Special Committee appointed by the London Philatelic Society, having taken into consideration the Stamps mentioned below, are of opinion that they are not worth the attention of Philatelists, and appeal to all Collectors and Dealers to discountenance collecting or dealing in the same.

21. Ecuador. The Government of this country is an old offender, and its delinquencies were referred to in a previous circular. (See No. 4, paragraph 17.)

From a Circular Notice in four languages, dated 5th December, 1895, it appears that a special postage stamp is to be issued on the 5th June, 1896, which will be available for postal purposes only on the day of issue, and ten following days. This issue is to commemorate the Esmeralda Incident. It is perhaps scarcely necessary to advise dealers to beware of it.

22. Indian Native States. The postal departments of several of these States either have been or are about to be taken over by the Central Government. In the case of Jhind and Cashmere this has already been done, and it is reported that a similar course has been, or is shortly to be adopted, with regard to Bamra, Bhopal, Poonah, Wadhwan, Nowanugger, Bhor, Nangaon, and Faridkot.

It appears that the issues of some of these States have been reprinted, and are being offered for sale. Collectors and dealers should therefore be on their guard.

23. Republic of Cuba. Stamps of an issue prepared in 1877 are now being offered for sale. The values are 2, 5, 10, and 25 centavos.

In The Third Circular, under the heading No. 13, reference was made to a contemplated speculative issue of Grecian Stamps to commemorate the Olympian Games. From a recently published notice, the issue appears now to be an accomplished fact, and to consist of twelve stamps in value from 1 lepta to 10 drachmas.

Bulgaria. An issue has appeared in commemoration of the conversion of Prince Boris.

Collectors and dealers should exercise discretion with regard to these stamps, unless they are intended permanently to supersede the current issue.

HERBERT R. OLDFIELD,

Hon. Sec. to Special Com. London Phil. Soc., and Acting Hon. Sec. (pro tem.) to S.S.S.S.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

FROM OVER THE BORDER.

The Bogert and Durbin Co. hold an auction sale on May 16th.

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The Sons of Philatelia hold their 28th auction sale on May 25th.

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It is reported that 5,099,500 of the orange special delivery stamps were issued.

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At the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s sale, held on April 21st, an unused and entire U.S. envelope 1863, 2c., die 23, sold for $247.

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Messrs. A. L. Cassino talk of selling *The Boston Stamp Book*. It is said that Mr. J. Kilborn, the present editor, will buy the paper.

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U.S. revenues still continue to boom, and fancy prices are readily obtained for the rarer varieties. A $5 Proprietary sold for $250 at an auction two or three days ago.

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The U.S. plate number collectors have recently had a much-felt want supplied through an enterprising dealer who has just issued a first-class album for plate numbers.

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The C. H. Mekeel Co. recently sold to Mr. W. A. Castle the 10c. Baltimore on white paper, for the consideration of $4,400, which is said to be the highest price ever paid for a single stamp.

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I have heard a rumor to the effect that some New York collectors are intending to organize a Philatelic Bicycle Club. So many philatelists ride that such a club would be possible in any of our large cities.

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Through the efforts of Mr. G. E. Cleaver, *The Philatelic Literature Society* has been organized. It starts with a charter membership of sixty-nine, and, judging from the large number who are interested in philatelic literature, the society should prove a success.

HENRY F. DOYLE.

Everybody Talking About It.

People everywhere are standing aghast at the wondrous strides of the Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal. Certainly few Canadians were prepared to see a Canadian paper take the head of the procession and to become such a conspicuous all-round favorite so soon. The Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal, is simply a marvellous production, and to think that it is only a dollar a year adds to everybody's genuine amazement. It is well worth while sending to the publishers, Montreal, for a sample copy, which we are told will be sent free just to enable people to see what can be produced in the newspaper line for a dollar a year. Few people will credit their own senses when they see it. Artists who have seen the premium picture to be given with the Family Herald this year ("Little Queenie" we think is the name of it) say that the premium is quite as wonderful as the paper itself. Every one must admit that the Family Herald has carved out a great place for itself, not only on this continent, but throughout the world.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Under this heading I will publish any correspondence of interest to my readers, and answer such questions of general interest as may be submitted.

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Canada, 1859, 1c., pink	60	5 75
Canada, 1859, 5c., red	30	2 70
Canada, 1868, 6c., brown	70	6 75
Canada, 1882, 5c., slate	05	35
Canada, 1893, 8c., slate	10	80
Canada Registered, 1875, 5c.	10	85
Canada, F. F. Law, 10c., green	10	65
Canada, Ontario Law, assorted	15	1 15
Canada, Post Cards, 1st issue, 1c.	10	70
Cape of Good Hope, ½, 1 and 2d., assorted	03	15
Ceylon, 1883-84, 4c., lilac rose	***40***	***3.75***
Ceylon, 1888-89, 2c. on 4c., rose (Scott's, 123)	65	6 00
Ceylon, Revenue, 5c., blue	10	85
Chili, well assorted	05	25
Chili, Telegraph, well assorted	10	65
*Congo (Portugese), 2½ r., brown	10	50
****Constantinople, sets of 3 varieties***	***20***	***1.55***
*Costa Rica, 1863, ½ r., blue	08	50
*Costa Rica, 1889, 1c., brown	05	40
*Costa Rica, 1889, 2c., dark green	05	40
*Costa Rica, 1889, 10c., red-brown	10	70
*Costa Rica, 1889, 20c., sea green	10	70
*Costa Rica, 1889, Official, 1c., brown	13	95
*Costa Rica, 1889, Official, 5c., orange	15	1 00
*Costa Rica, 1889, Official, 20c., green	25	2 00
Costa Rica, 1892, assorted	15	1 00
*Cuba, 1871, 50c., green	15	1 00
Cuba, well assorted	05	40
Denmark, well assorted (no 4 or 8 ore)	05	25
Egypt, assorted	05	25
France, well assorted (no 5 or 15c.)	—	15
Hawaii, 1875, 2c., brown	30	2 65
Hawaii, 1882, 2c., red	15	1 25
Hawaii, 1883, 1c., green	20	1 50
*Hawaii, 1893, "Prov. Govt.," 1c., green	20	1 75
Hawaii, 1894, 2c., brown	10	90
Hayti, 1893, 5c., orange	25	2 45
*Honduras, finely assorted	15	1 25
India, 1865, ½ anna	***10***	***85***
India, 1883, ½ and 1 anna, 4 varieties, assorted	—	10
India, 1883, 2 anna, 2 varieties, evenly assorted	05	40
Jamaica, ½ and 1d., evenly assorted	05	25
Jamaica, Official, well assorted	10	—
Japan, well assorted	03	15
Japan, Telegraph, sets of 4 varieties	20	1 75
Mexico, 1887, 10c., scarlet	03	20
Mexico, 1887, 20 and 25c., assorted	20	1 70
Mexico, 1886, 5c., blue	10	50
Mexico, Official, brown	05	40
*Mexico, Officially Sealed, brown	05	40
Mexico, Revenues, finely assorted	10	60
Natal, 1884, ½d.	05	25
Natal, 1884, 1d.	03	15
Natal, 1887-89, 2d.	15	1 25
****New Brunswick, 2c., orange***	***20***	***1 45***
*New Brunswick, 5c., green	20	1 50
New South Wales, 1889, 1 and 2d., assorted	03	15
New Zealand, ½, 1 and 2d., ass. (1000 for 75c.)	03	10
Nova Scotia, 5c., blue	1 50	14 50
Patiala, Official, 3 var., evenly asstd.	***10***	***85***
Portugese Indies, 1886, well assorted	***10***	***90***
Queensland, 1 and 2d., assorted	03	15
Roumania, obsolete, 3 varieties, well assorted	03	10
Russia, assorted	03	10
*Shanghai, 1893, ½c., orange and blue	10	50
*Shanghai, 1893, 1c., brown and blue	10	90
South African Republic, obsolete, 1 & 2d.	***05***	***40***
South Australia, 1 and 2d., assorted	03	10
Spain, 1870, 50 m.	10	65
****Switzerland, 1881, sets of 6 varieties***	***20***	***1 40***
*Venezuela, 5c., green	05	25
*Venezuela, 25c., brown	05	40
*Venezuela, 1 bol., carmine	10	80
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